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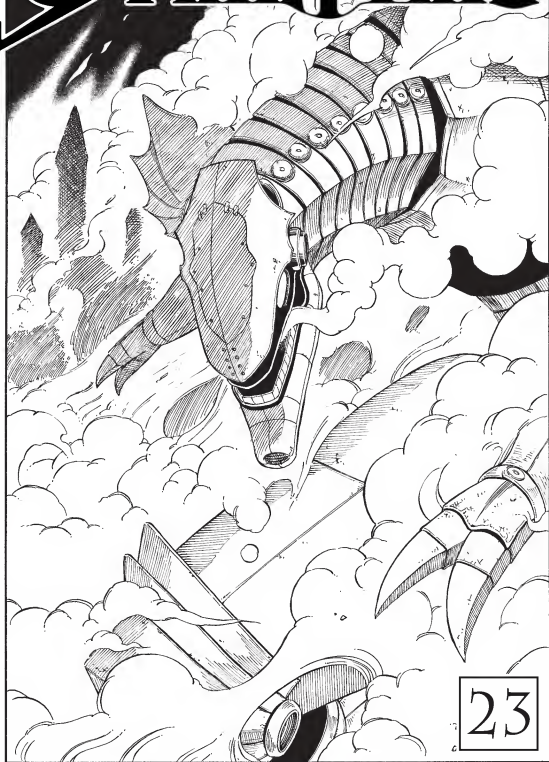
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Hiro Mashima

Creator of Rave Master

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HIRO NASHIMA

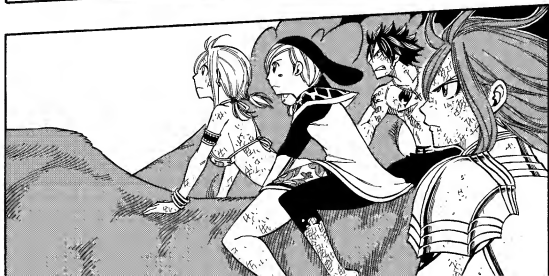


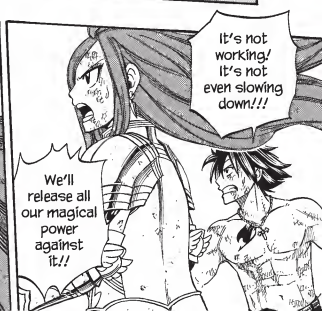
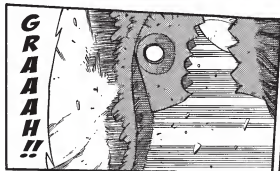
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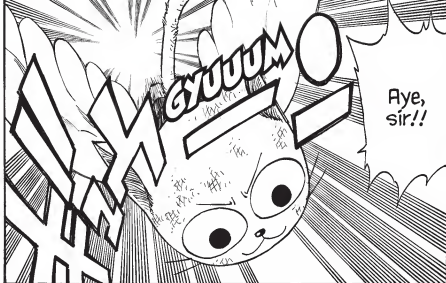
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Chapter 188:
One Wing





We'll release all our magical power against it!!



Aye,
sir!!



We'll
finish our
battle
when I've
stopped
this thing!

I'm not
running
or hiding
or any-
thing!



*You're
running
away?!*

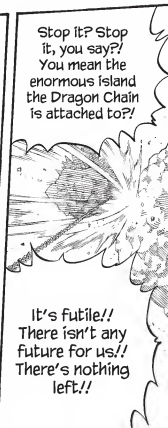
Okay,
truce,
Black Cat!



And
I'm
going
to make
you my
cat!

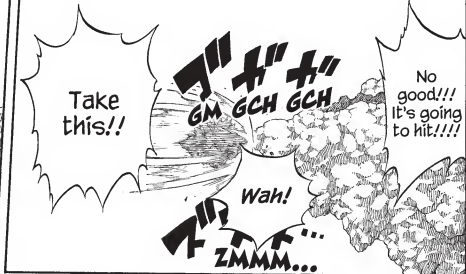
Gee hee
hee...

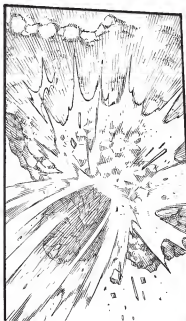
After this
I'm taking
my guild
back with
me - by
force if I
gotta!

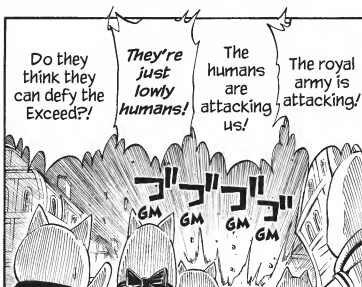


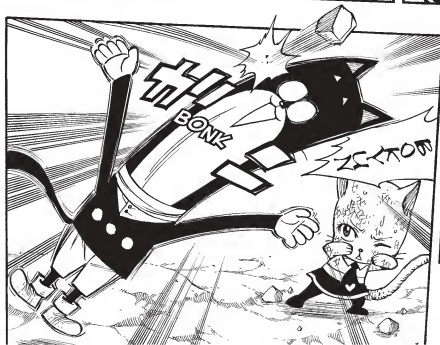
Stop it? Stop
it, you say?!
You mean the
enormous island
the Dragon Chain
is attached to?!

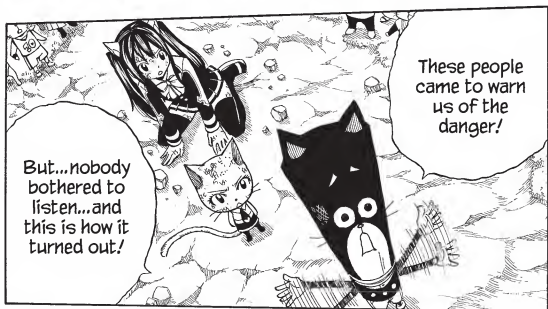
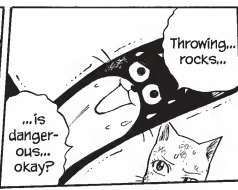
It's futile!!
There isn't any
future for us!!
There's nothing
left!!





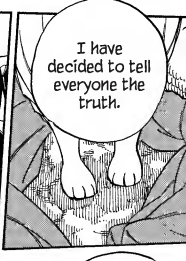




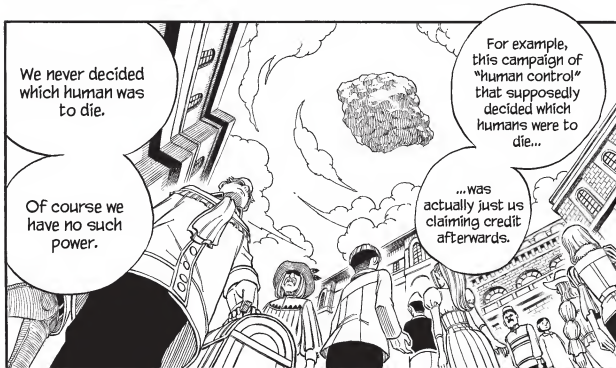
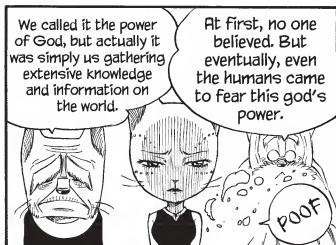
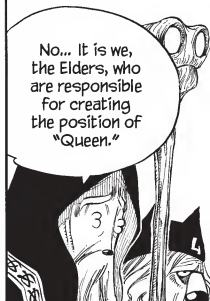
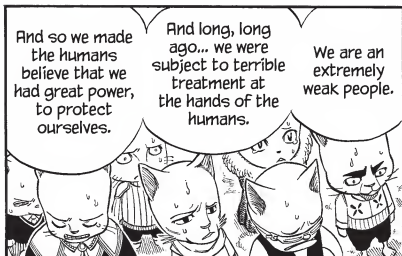


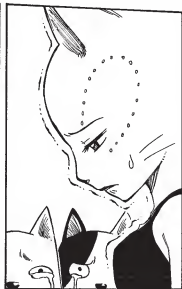
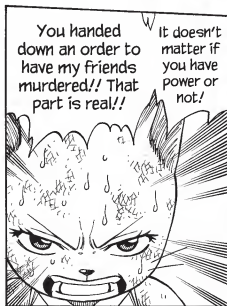
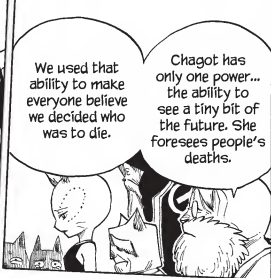














Carla, we
can't get
bogged
down in
that now.

I don't care
about the
circumstances.
It's unforgiv-
able!!!!

I-I-I-it
wasn't like
that!! It'd
take too long
to explain all
the intricate
circum-
stances...!!

That
was...

...and yet
you have
undergone
the greatest
suffering.

You are
innocent...

What
Carla
says is
correct.

KARANG

WHOOSH

You have
the right to do
so, as one who
loves both the
humans and the
Exceed.

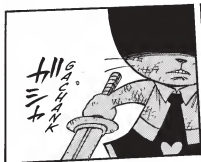
Please hand
down your
punishment for
my crimes.

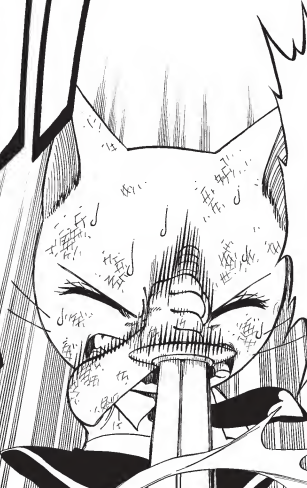
Your
Majesty
!!!

Your
Majesty
!!!

My
Queen
!!

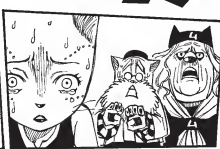
Chagot
!!!





Don't
give up
just like
that!!!!

SHLAK



Do you
mean to say
that you're
helpless
without a
queen or a
god?!

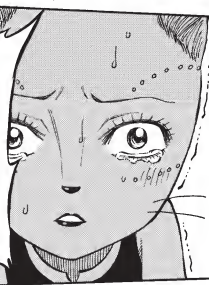


This
is your
country,
right?!



**So why
are you
giving up
so easily
now?!**

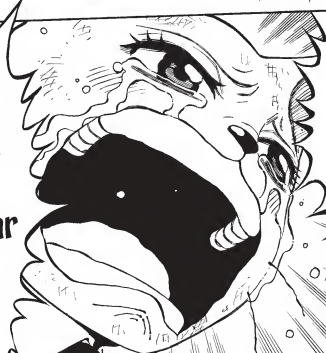
**Even though
you told those
lies, you were
struggling as
hard as you
could to stay
alive, right?!**



**This
country
won't be
destroyed
!!!!**

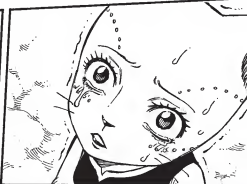
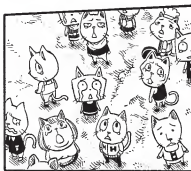
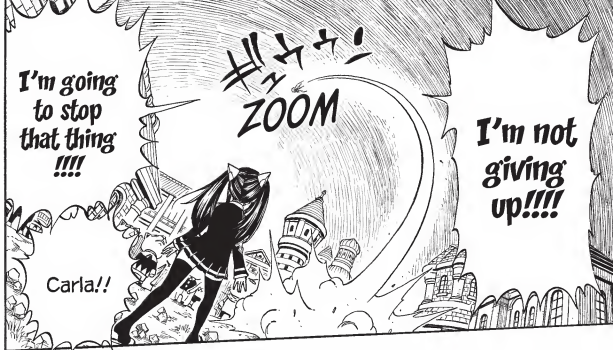
**You can do
anything if
you combine
your strength
!!!!**

**Who cares
if you're
weak?!**



**I can't
let it
disappear
!!!!**

**It's my
home-
land
!!!!**



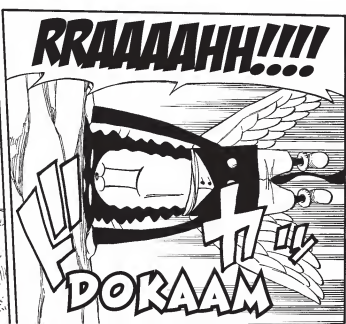
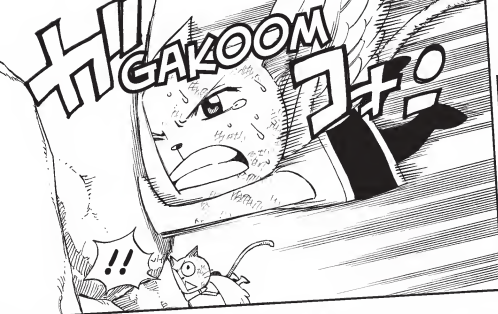
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Chapter 189: The Boy From Back Then











Wendy-san!
Carla-san, I'm
so sorry for
what we did to
you!

We're going
to protect
our *own*
land!!!!

This is for the
Queen who's
been protecting
our country and
citizens from
danger for all
these years!



Everybody!! Let's
do something to
stop this!!!



Is this
some
kind of...
dream?

Extalia is
becoming
one?



Do any-
thing I
can!!!

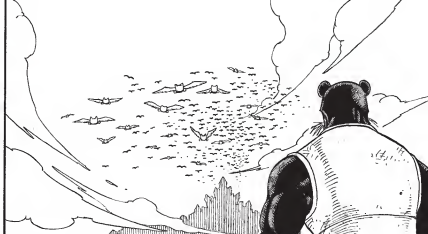


Chagot!!!
You can't
do any-
thing on
that one
wing!

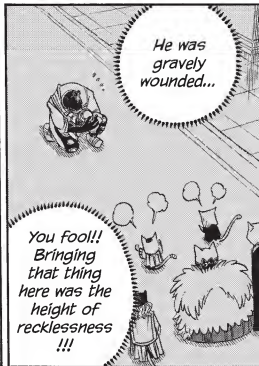
No, I
must do
some-
thing!



Lily! Why would you condescend to rescue a human child?



But... I can't stand by while anyone so wounded dies, even if he is human!



He was gravely wounded...

You fool!! Bringing that thing here was the height of recklessness !!!

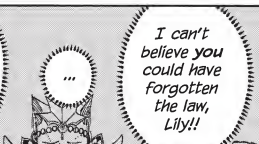


Over something so small ...?!

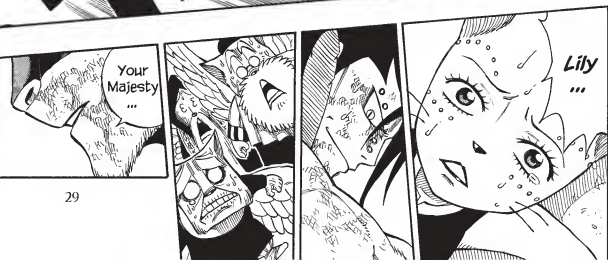
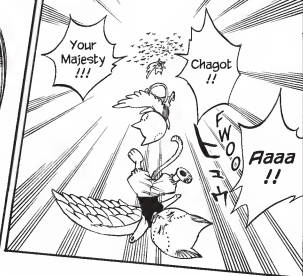
That's ridiculous!!!



We pronounce you as "Fallen," and banish you from Extalia!!



I can't believe you could have forgotten the law, Lily!!







Dammit ...

We can do it!!

Push !!!

Everybody, hang in there!!!

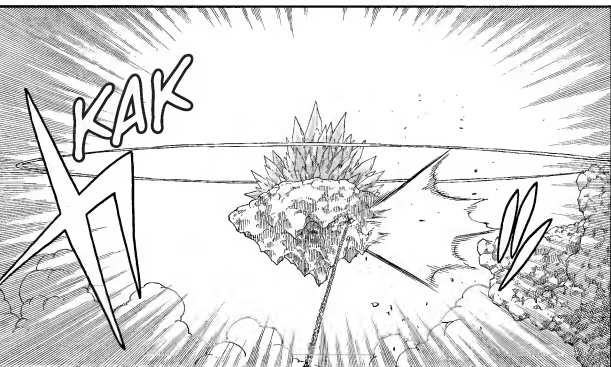
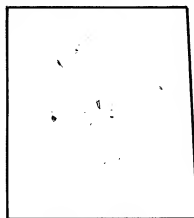
ZZZZZZ

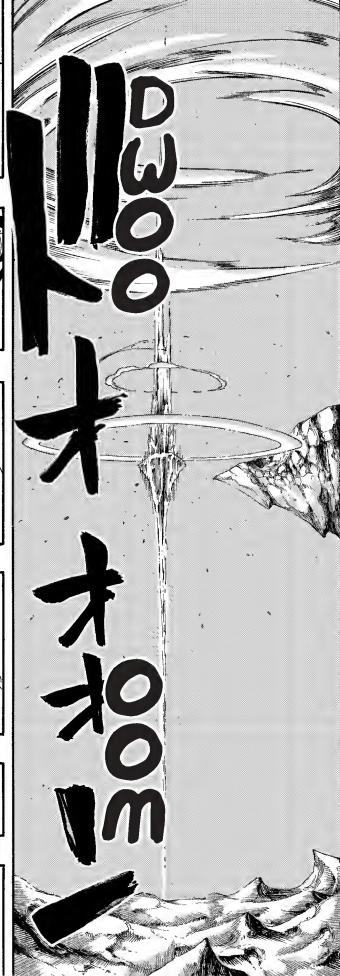
Nnn!

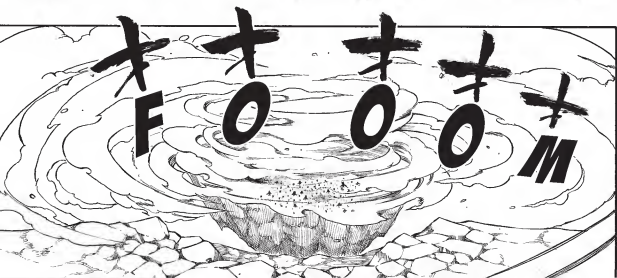
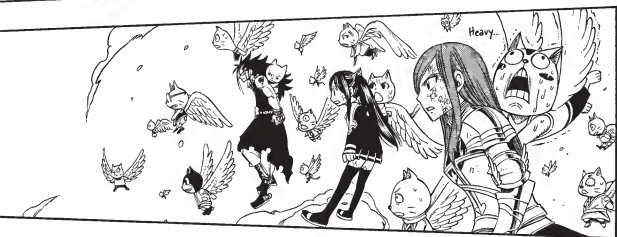
Let's push too!!!

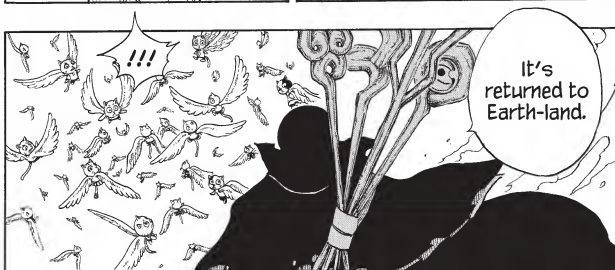
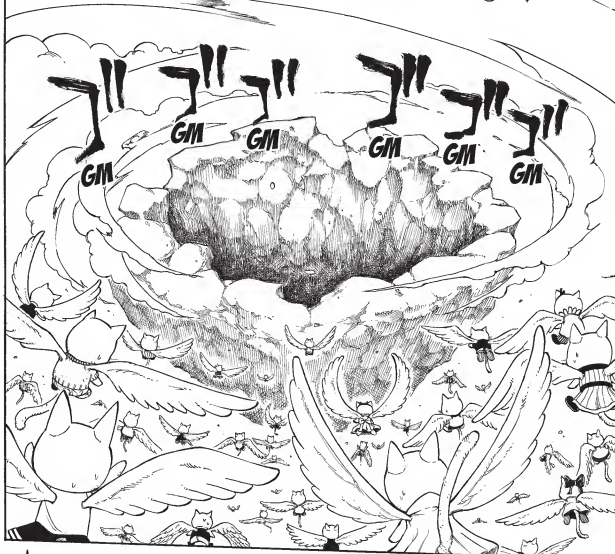
Please !!!
Stop !!!!

Aye !!!











I am also grateful for your efforts. If it wasn't for you, I would not have made it in time.

I am sorry it took so long to find the traces of an anima large enough to return everything to the way it was.



Yes.

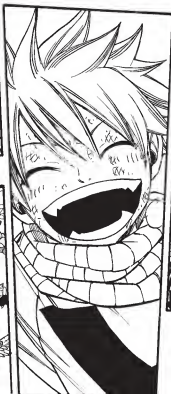
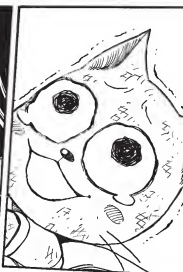
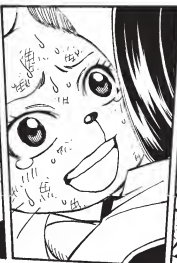


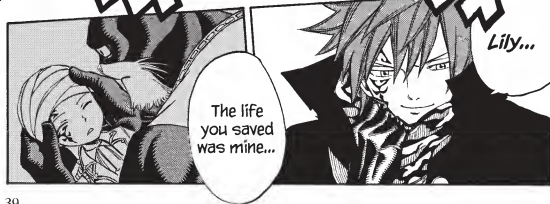
Back to the way it was...?

Ohh
!!!

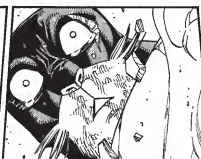
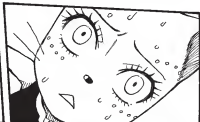


Mystogan!!!









*It
isn't
over
yet
!!!!*

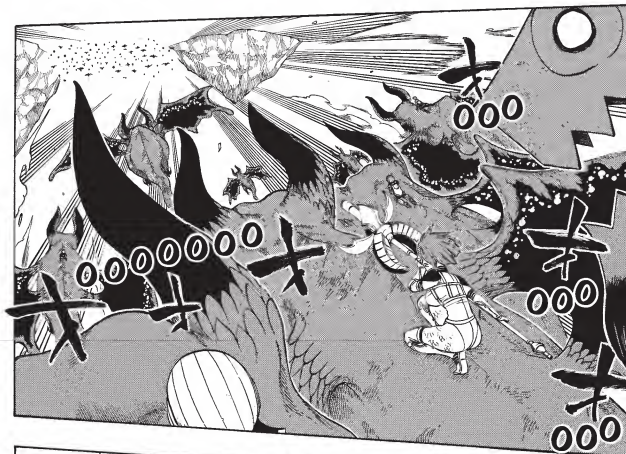


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Chapter 190: Dragon Sense





Leave
that to
me!!!

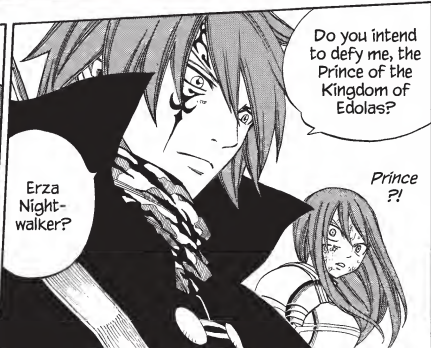
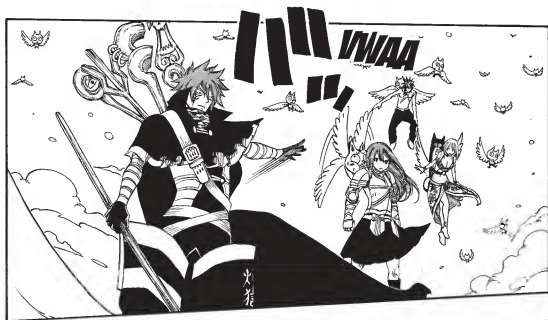
Some-
body... Help
Lily!!!

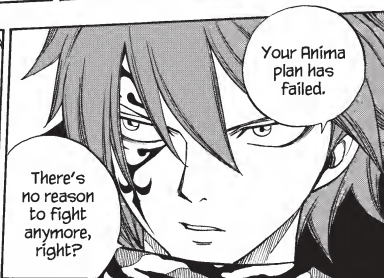
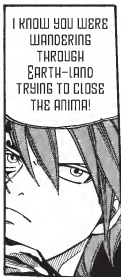


How
could
you...



It's the
other
Erza!





THIS IS VENGEANCE
AGAINST THOSE WHO
WOULD STAND AGAINST
THE KING... UNILATERAL
EXTERMINATION!

THIS ISN'T A
"FIGHT!"

YOU'LL
VANISH
WITHOUT
A TRACE!

IF
YOU INTEND
TO STAND IN
OPPOSITION
...

...EVEN YOU
WILL BE
WIPE OUT!

!!!

WH-
WHAT'S THAT
MEAN...
?!!

WE WILL CREATE
ANOTHER GIANT LACRIMA
AND FUSE IT WITH THE
EXCEED! WE CAN DO THIS
OVER AND OVER!

AND IF WE CAN PUT A
STOP TO YOU HERE AND
NOW, THEN THERE WILL
BE NO FOOLS LEFT TO
OPPOSE OUR EARTH-LAND
ANIMA PLAN!

YES...

I AM NOT
YOUR FATHER,
I AM THE KING
OF FOOLAS!

Father
...

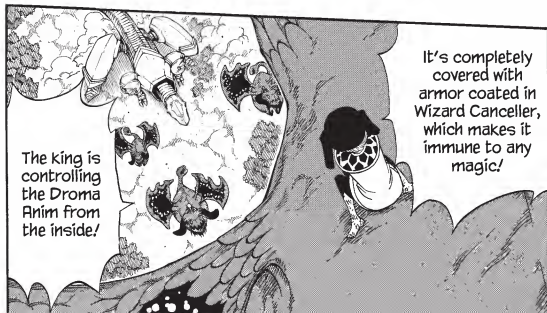
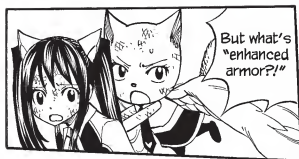


Wa ha ha ha
ha ha!!!!
There is
nothing
the King
cannot
do!!!!

The
power
of the
king is
absolute
!!!!

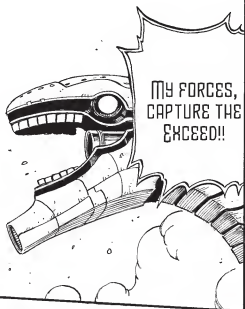
ROOAAAR

ROOAAAR

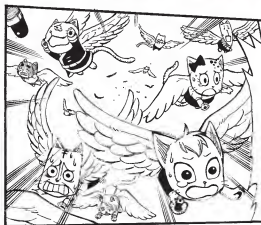




Yes,
Sire!



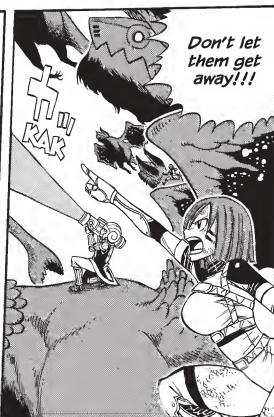
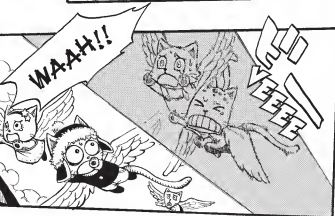
MY FORCES,
CAPTURE THE
EXCEED!!



W
A
A
A
A
H
!



This is
bad!!
Run!!!



Don't let
them get
away!!!



You have to survive !!!

Now, Chagot!! Let's go!

Everybody...!! Get out of here...!!



This is terrible!!

We'll be turned into lacrima if we're caught!

Get away from here!!!

WAAH!



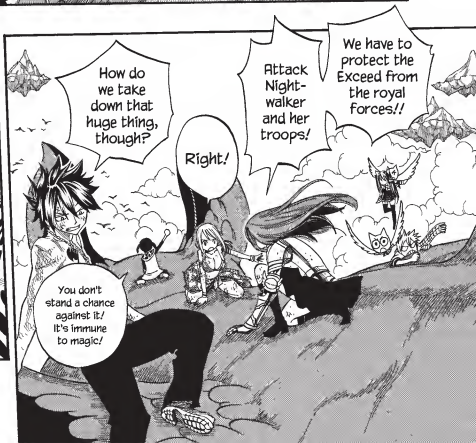
R
i
g
h
t
!!!!

BWOOOOOOO

Get them !!!!



The only thing to do is to fight it while dodging its attacks!! The Exceed are helpless right now!!! We have to protect them!!



How do we take down that huge thing, though?

Right!

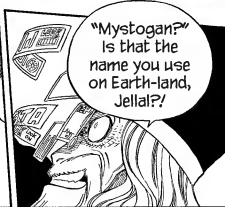
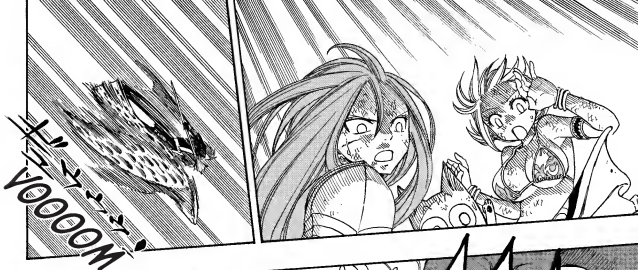
You don't stand a chance against it! It's immune to magic!

Attack Night-walker and her troops!

We have to protect the Exceed from the royal forces!!

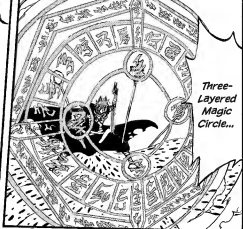
THEY
SHALL ALL
PERISH
HERE!!!

'Right!!
Let's
go!!!

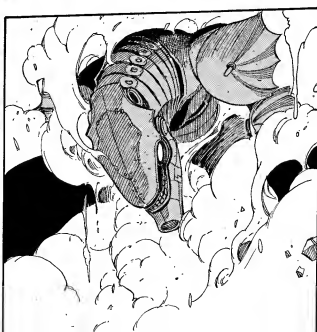
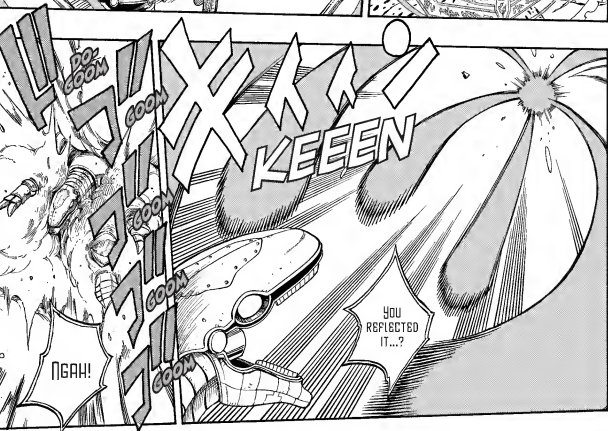


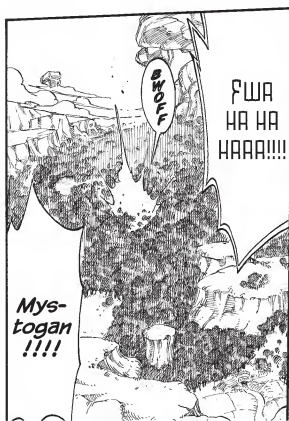


MIRROR
POOL!!!!



Three-
Layered
Magic
Circle...





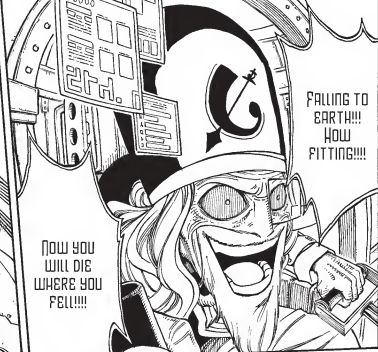


Dammit!!!
It's going to
be impossible
to fight that
thing while
avoiding its
attacks!!!



AND
YOU'RE
NEXT!!

NOW YOU
WILL DIE
WHERE YOU
FELL!!!!

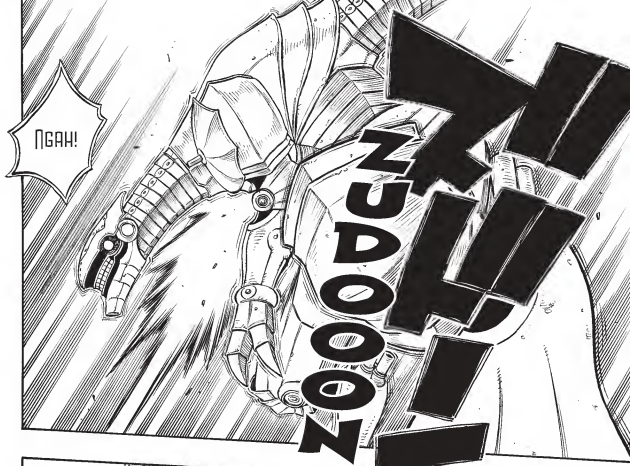


FALLING TO
EARTH!!!
How
FITTING!!!!



WHAT
?!





MAGIC
SHOULDN'T
WORK ON THE
DROMA ANIM!!!
SO WHO IS
ATTACKING
IT...?

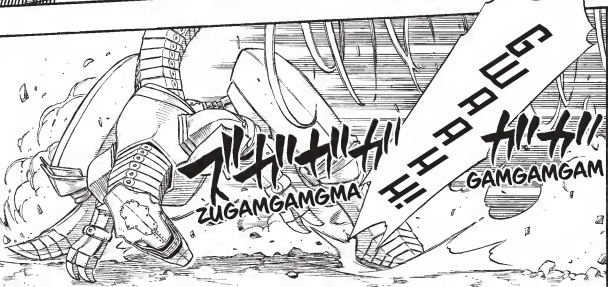
WHAT
?!

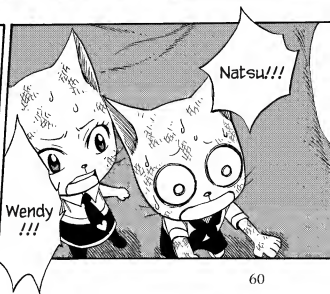
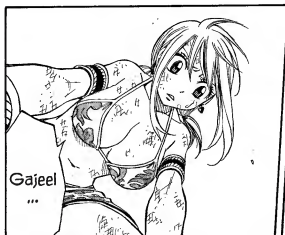
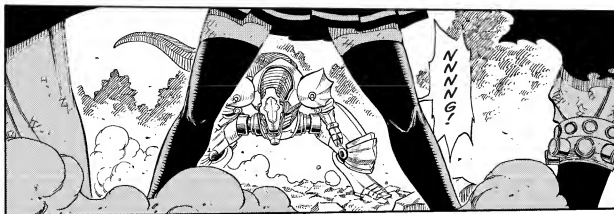


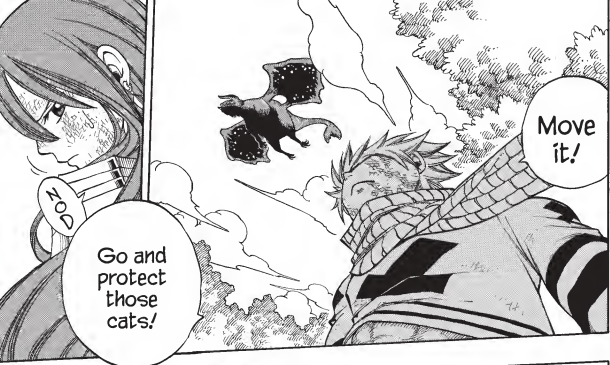
TENRYŪ
NO...



*Sky Dragon's Roar







GWOOO

**Dragon
slayer
wizards
!!!!**

oooooooo

FW



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Chapter 191: Three-Man Cell



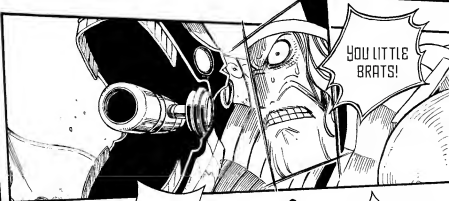


Let's go,
Salamander.

I have
to team up
with you
again?!



I'll
back
you
up!



YOU LITTLE
BRATS!

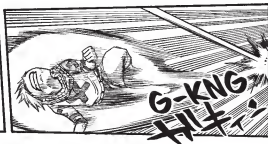


VER-
NIER!

Fleet-
footed wind
galloping
across the
sky...



WHO
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
DEALING
WITH?!



**Iron Dragon Club!!!!

*Fire Dragon's Iron Fist!!!!





ARMS
!!!!



I call
upon the
strength
that tears
the sky...



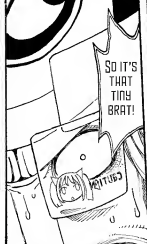
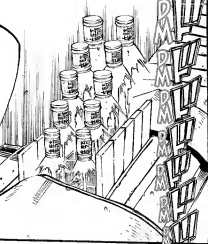
It's
magic to
make your
attacks
more
powerful
!!!



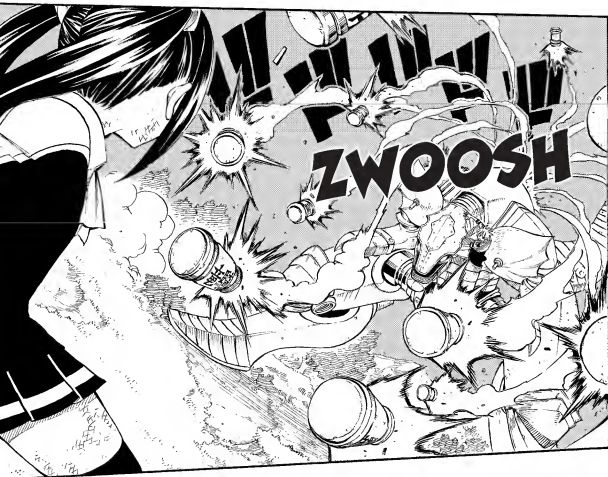
This
is...



Right
!!!!



Canisters: Dragon Knight

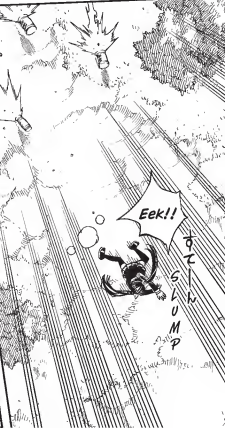
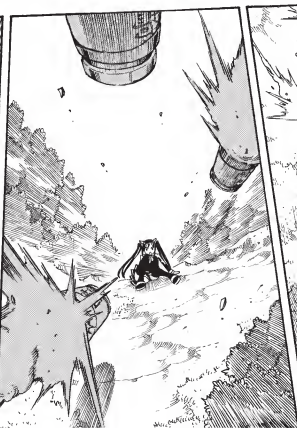
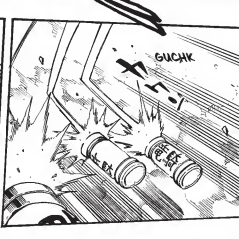
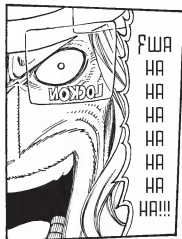


Don't worry about me!

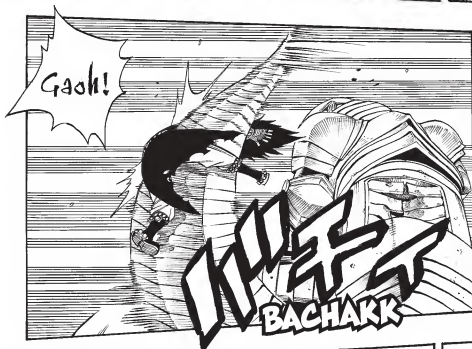


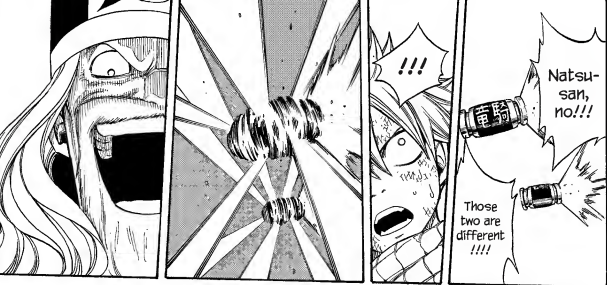
Dammit !!!!

They're after Wendy !!!







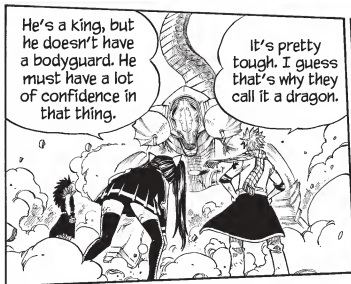




This has to be some trick!!!!



PHEW...



He's a king, but he doesn't have a bodyguard. He must have a lot of confidence in that thing.

It's pretty tough. I guess that's why they call it a dragon.

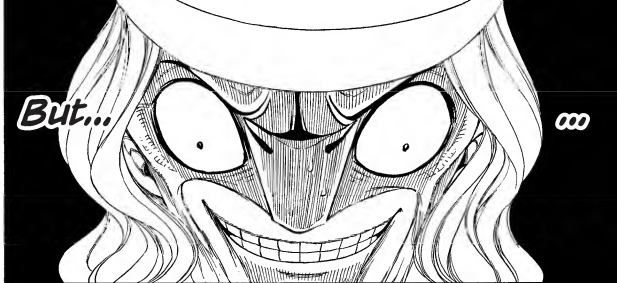


This is Earth-land magic?!



These are dragon slayers?!

I'm all fired up!!!



But...

...



If I have these three, then I'll be able to restart the anima plan!!!



What?!

It's changing color!



That's exactly why I want to make them mine!



No, these wizards themselves are weapons!! They'll be my plunder!!!!

And if they're missing a few parts at the end of it, well that's just the fortunes of war...

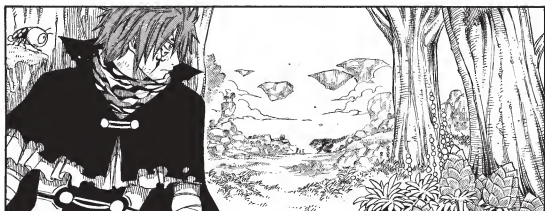


I need to capture them to gain eternal magic...

WITH THE
POWER
OF THE
DROMA
ANIM
BLACK
HEAVEN
!!!!

FIRST,
I'LL ROB
ALL
THREE
OF YOU
OF THE
WILL TO
FIGHT
!!!!





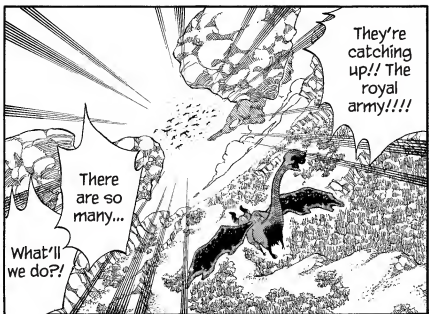


And to complete it, I'll need your strength.

It's my final job.



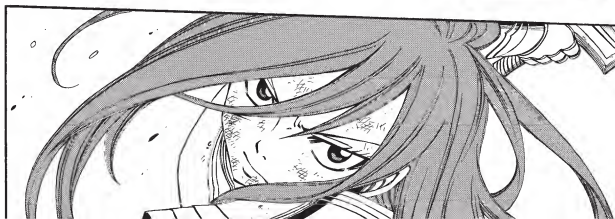
The only thing we *can* do is keep going!! If we don't, the Exceed will be wiped out!!!

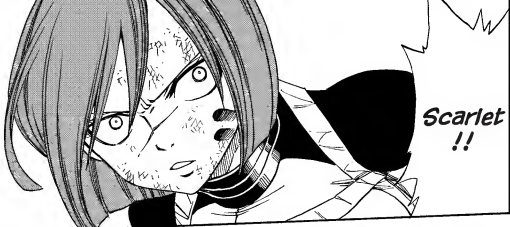


They're catching up!! The royal army!!!!

There are so many...

What'll we do?!





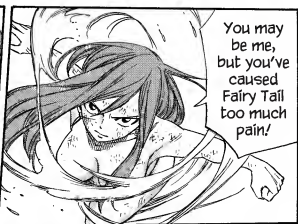
The rest of you, get to the ground! I'll take this one myself!!!

It's time we finished this, Nightwalker!

Yes ma'am!



And you may be me, but you've raised a weapon against my King!



You may be me, but you've caused Fairy Tail too much pain!



Two Erzas is one too many!



*This fight
won't end
until one
of us is
gone!!!!*

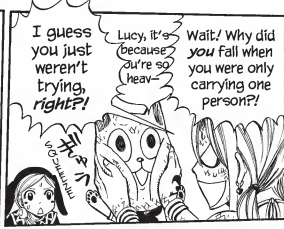
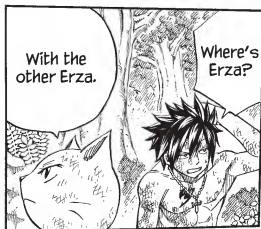
GAKKEN

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Chapter 192: Won't Run Anymore







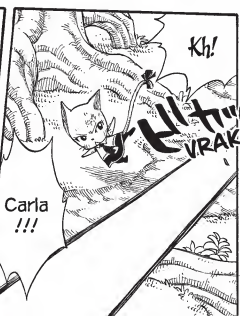
We've
got no
choice!!!

Will you
guys just
stop it?

Look at
them
ganging
up on
us...



You
little
...



Carla
!!!

Why are they
only aiming
at Happy and
Carla?!



What's
with
this?!



WAA!!



We've turned
most of the
Exceed who tried
to escape into
lacrima!



Why
would
we do
that?!

VKAAA



Those two
are the only
ones left!!

So stop
struggling
and become
magic for the
Kingdom!!



...just
to make
them into
a source
for *your*
magic?!

You'd
do awful
things to
the Exceed
...



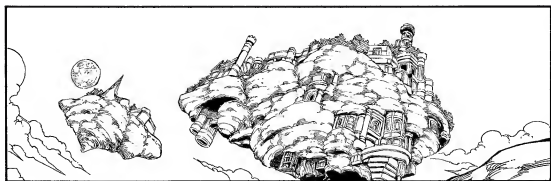
ZUGANGAM

Is that
what the
humans
of this
world
do?!

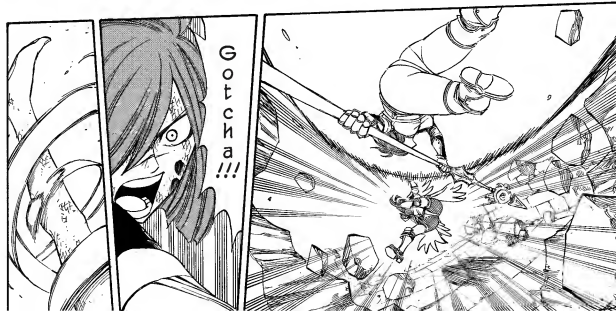


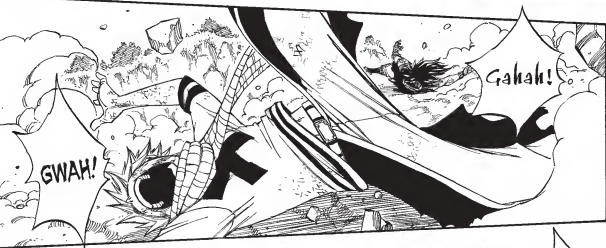
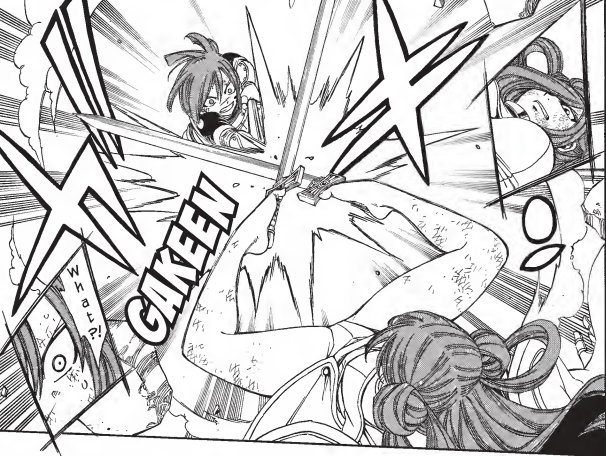
Well
you butt-
wipes aren't
getting your
hands on my
friends!!!





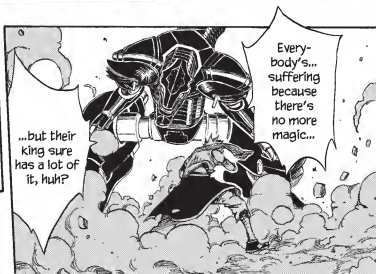
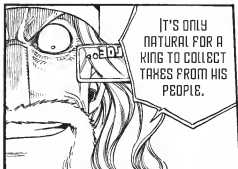
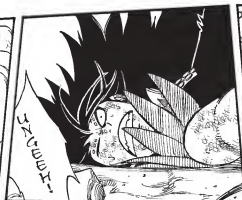
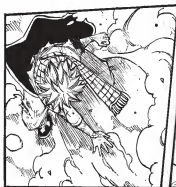






**YOU
WORMS
DON'T
STAND A
CHANCE
!!!!**

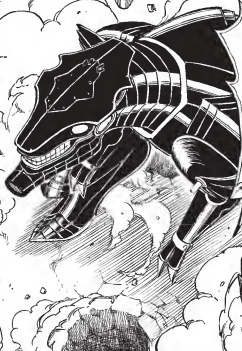
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM



**THAT IS
WHY IT IS
FORBIDDEN!!!!
ONCE IT IS
UNLEASHED,
IT MUST BE
VICTORIOUS!!!!**

**FOR THE
SAKE OF
THE ENTIRE
WORLD!!!!**

**THE DROMA
ANIM IS THE
ULTIMATE
MAGICAL
WEAPON,
CONTINUALLY
DRAINING THE
ENTIRE WORLD
OF MAGIC!!!**



I don't
know
about the
"world"...

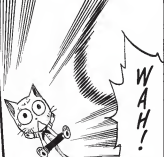
We
entered
our guild
to help
people
live.

You got
some guts
saying that
after stealing
magic from
everybody!

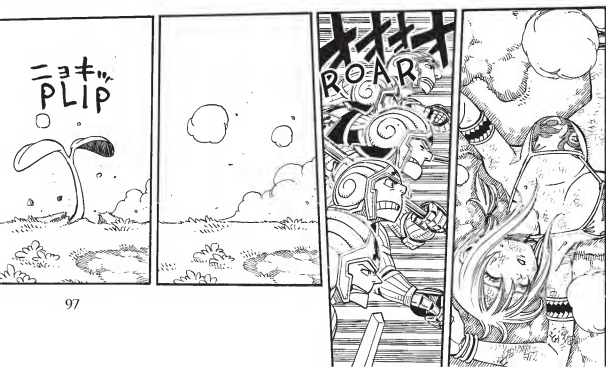
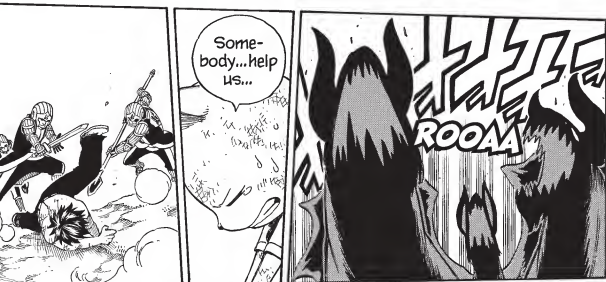
Give me
a break!

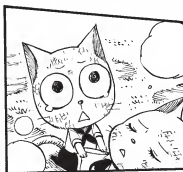
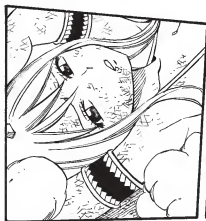
**We're
gonna
take you
down!!!!**

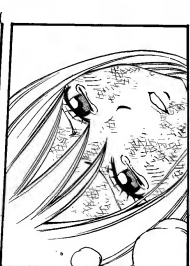
**But for
everybody
living in
it...**











**We can't
keep
running
forever
!!!**

**So we're
going to
show you
the power of
camaraderie
!!!**

**Let's
do it!**

**Fairy
Tail
?!**

**Yeah
!!!**



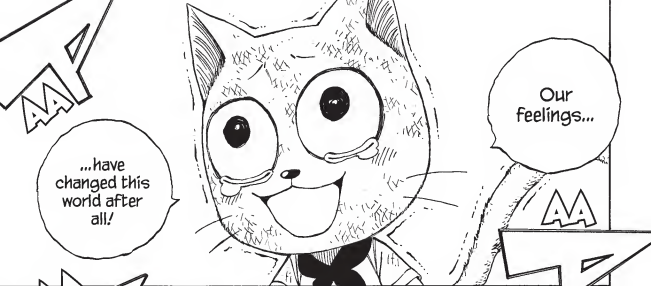
FAIRY TAIL

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Chapter 193: To Be Alive







Our feelings...

...have changed this world after all!



Shadow Gear!!!

We're the best there is!!!

Let's get 'em, Bis-Bis!

AI-AI!

You guys had better get more glory than Lucy, got it?!!

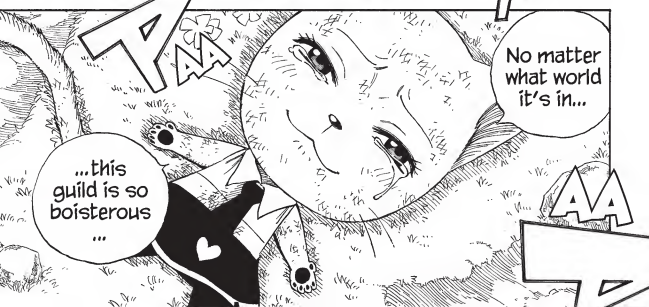
Yeah! Thanks, Lisanna-chan!

Natsu, give it to 'em!

Huh?

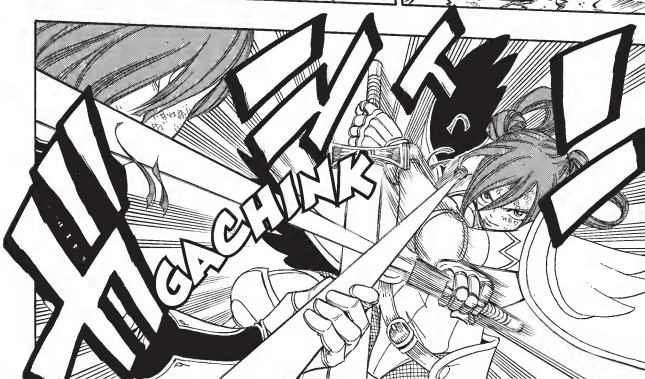
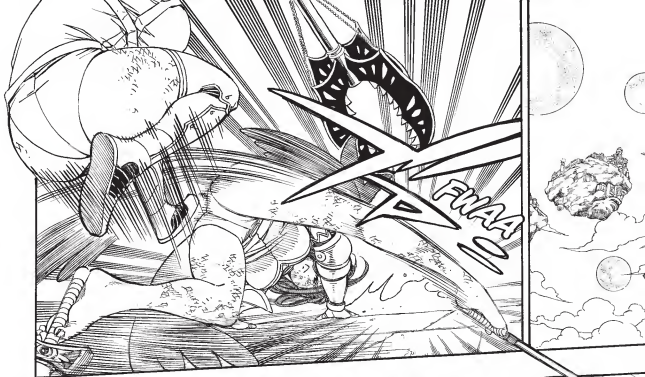
I'm a little jealous!

Juvia can't believe there are two Grays! A tough spot for Juvia!



No matter what world it's in...

...this guild is so boisterous



Night-
walker
!!

Scarlet!!



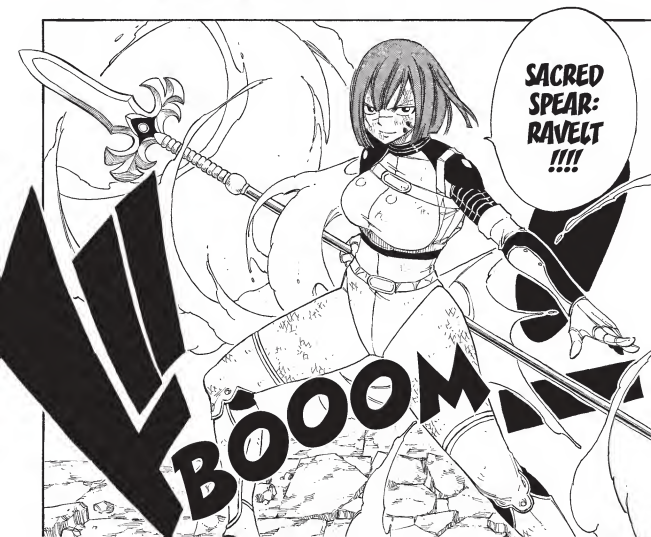


Stalemate?
You're
wrong!

I never
thought the
stalemate
would last
this long...

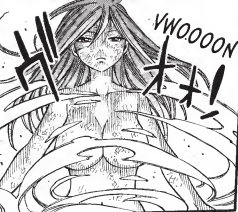


You still
haven't
seen the
final form
of the Ten
Command-
ments!



**SACRED
SPEAR:
RAVELT
!!!!**

BOOOOM



This next attack will make the heavens resound with ultimate destruction!

This is the sacred spear forged by the finest smith in Edolas!



ARMADURA FAIRY!!!!

You have no reason to care, but this armor is named after my guild.

Come !!

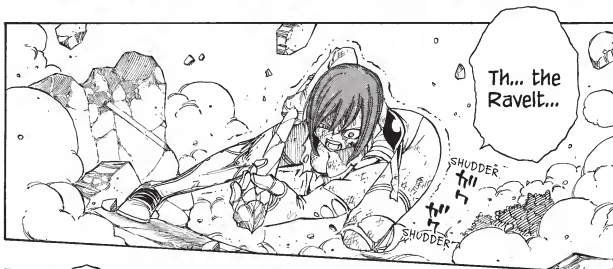
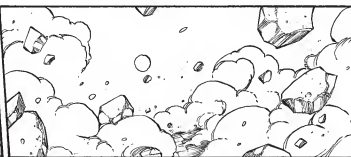
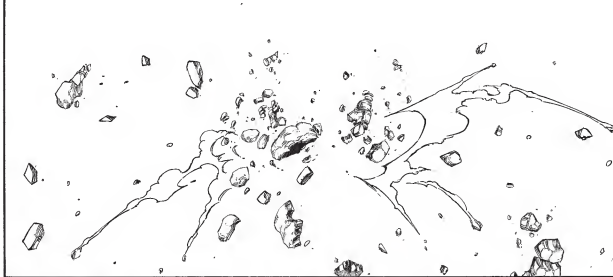
This'll be fun !!!

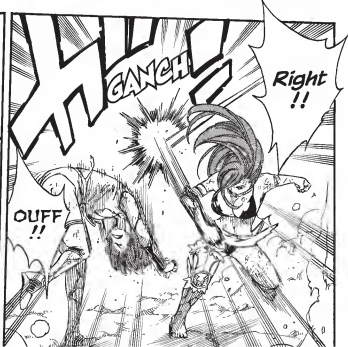
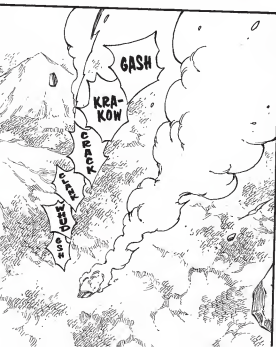
So you're saying it's your strongest?!

Rrooaah
!!!



Rrooaah
!!!







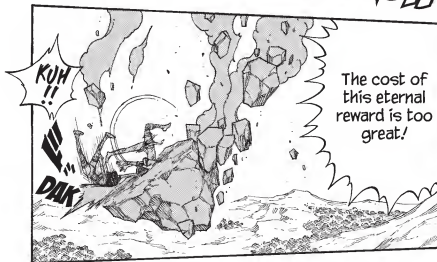
*I
can't
be de-
feated
!!!*

**GWAH
!!**

CRUNCH



The
reward is
eternal
magic
!!!



**KUH
!!**

DAK

The cost of
this eternal
reward is too
great!



**That's
what
humans
do!!!!**



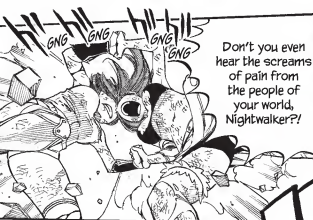
You
abduct
to steal!

You
intimidate
to steal!

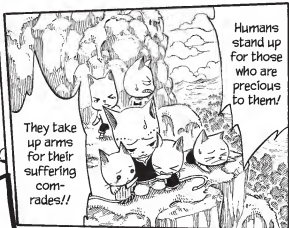
You
oppress
others!!
You
destroy
others!!



What
humans
do is
love
!!!!



Don't you even
hear the screams
of pain from
the people of
your world,
Nightwalker?!



Humans
stand up
for those
who are
precious
to them!

They take
up arms
for their
suffering
com-
rades!!



Wrong
!!!



Our
magic is
drying
up... And
that's
why I...

I hear
them far
clearer
than you
!!!

UNF!!



People are
what's
important
!!!!



A dead
world where
magic is
completely
used up!

This world
is headed
toward
death!



GRATCH



We can't
live unless
we come
up with
some way
to get
eternal
magic!!!!

Nobody
from
Earth-land
can ever
under-
stand
that!!!!

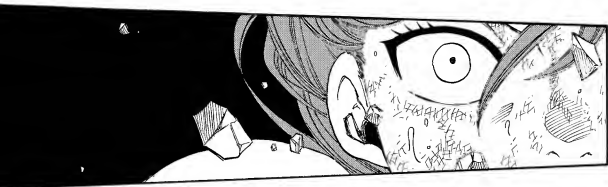
The
unrest,
fear,
despair
that
losing our
magic has
caused
!!!

Even
without
magic,
we're still
alive!!!!

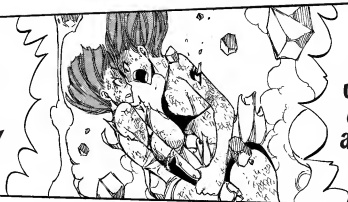


Right
?!!!

We're
alive
now,
this
instant
...



But people
don't die
from that!!!



Look at
us!!!! We
used up all
our magic
a long time
ago!!!!

That's
what it
means to
be alive
!!!



There
still is
strength
!!!!



People
overcome
stuff like
weakness
and fear!!



So I
know
you have
the same
loving
heart as
well!!!

Listen
to me,
Erza!!!!

You have
the same
vices and
weaknesses
inside you
that I have
!!!!



What
...?

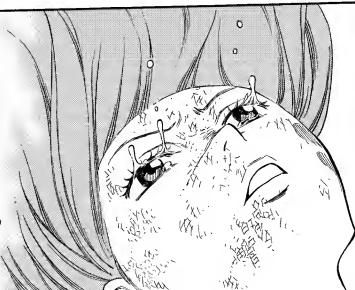
Those
voices tell
the truth
!!!!

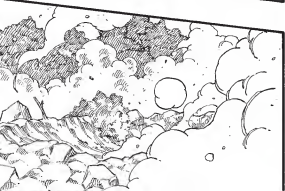
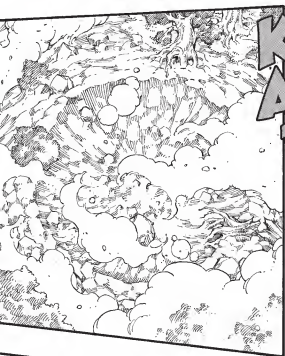
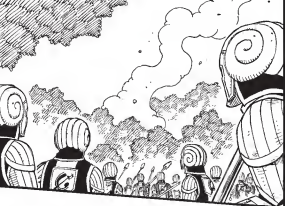
This is
Erza...

...This is
me?

Listen
closely
to the
voices of
the living
!!!!

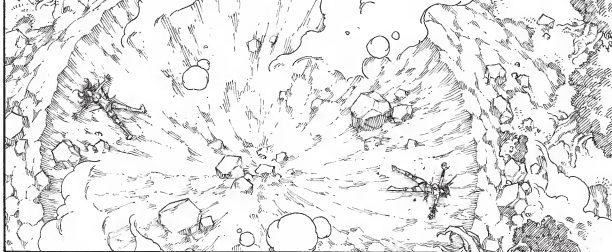
T
e
a
r
s
...?





**You're
not
alone
!!!!**



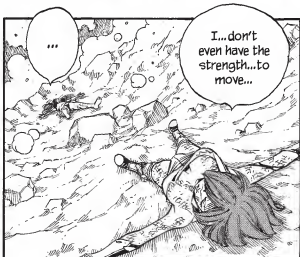


But...
you're
alive...
right?



I'm no
match
for
you...

You win,
Scarlet.



...

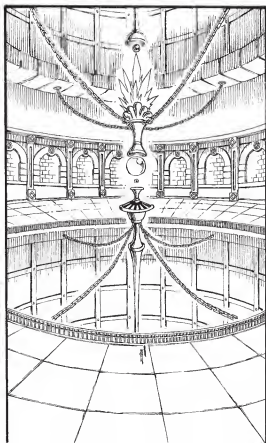
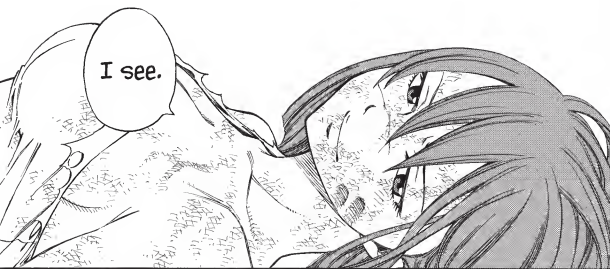
I...don't
even have the
strength...to
move...

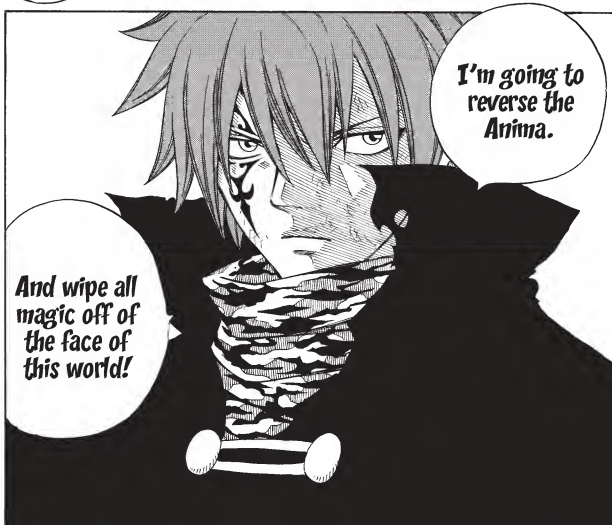
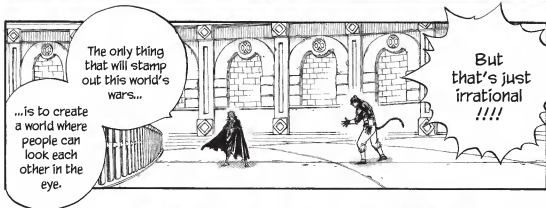


We're
the
same,
Erza.



There's
no winning
or losing
here.







ROAR

COWER,
DRAGON
SLAYERS
!!

FWA
HA
HA
HA
HA!

FAIRYTAIL



HUEE
HUEE

...MY
FORCES
WILL
NEVER
FAIL!!



HAAH
HAAH

AS LONG
AS THE
DROMA
ANIM
EXISTS
...



Nnh
...

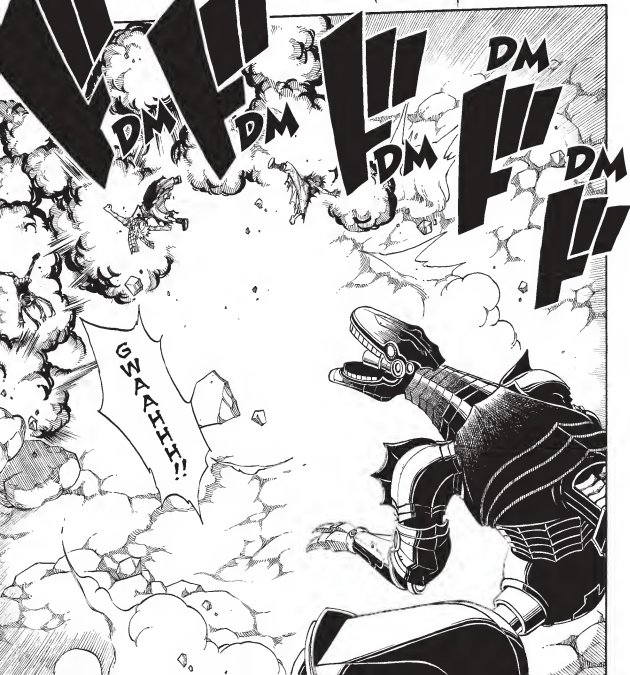
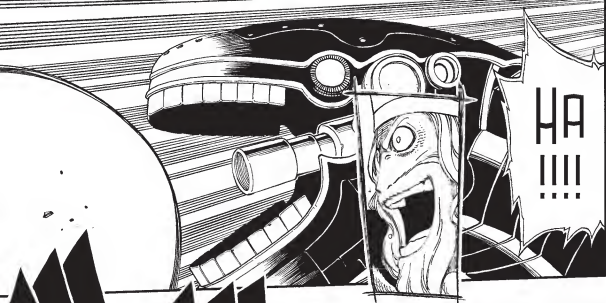
THIS IS THE
ULTIMATE
MAGICAL
WEAPON!

Chapter 194: I'm Standing Right Here





FAIRYTAIL





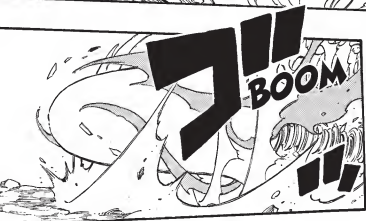
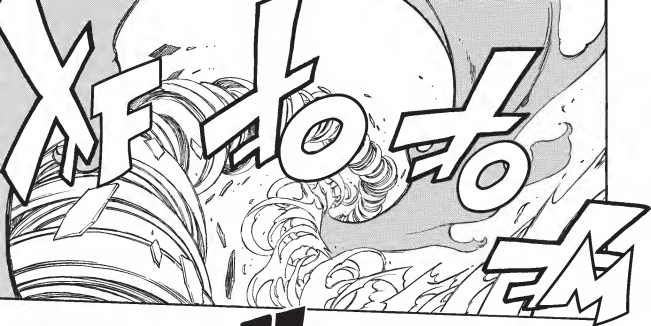


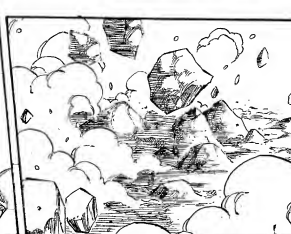
...
Hōkō*
!!!!!!

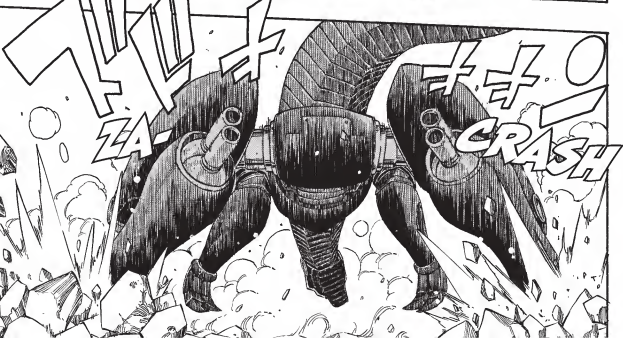
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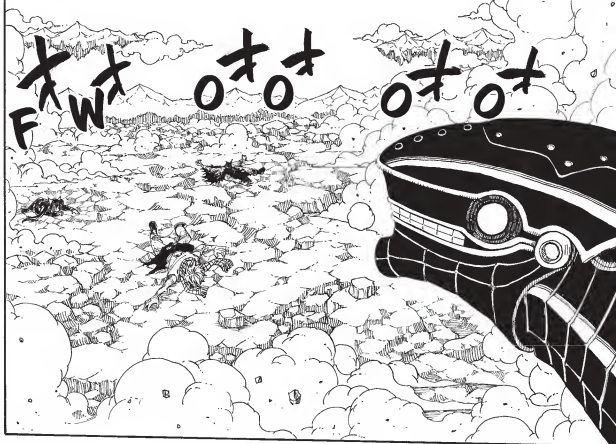
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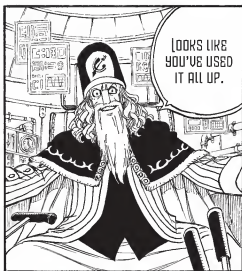
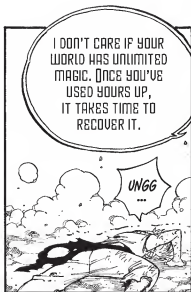
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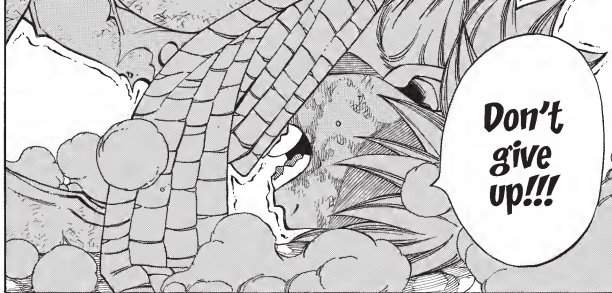




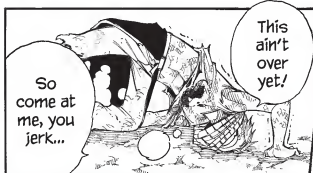








**Don't
give
up!!!**

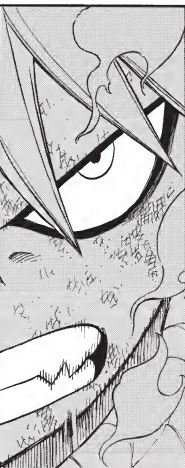


So
come at
me, you
jerk...

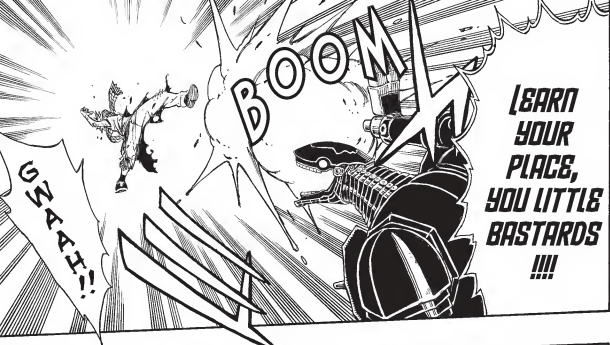
This
ain't
over
yet!

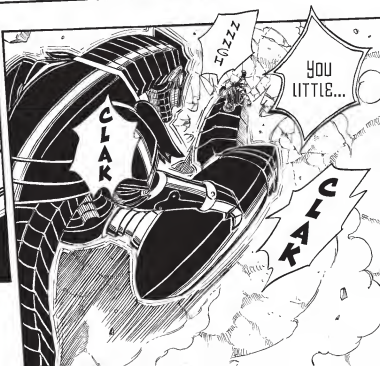
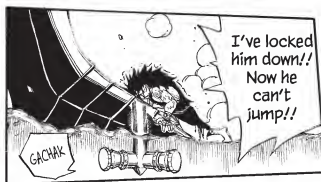
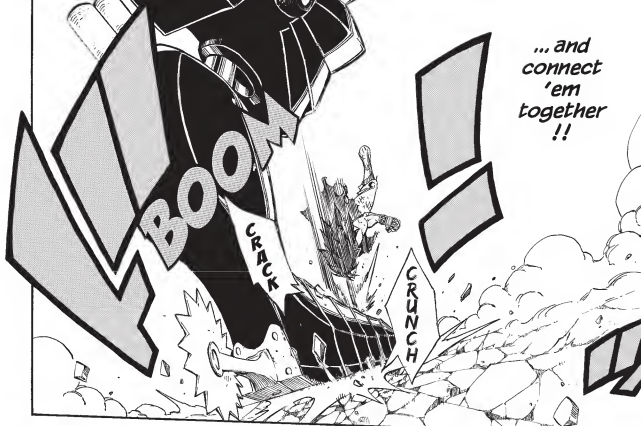


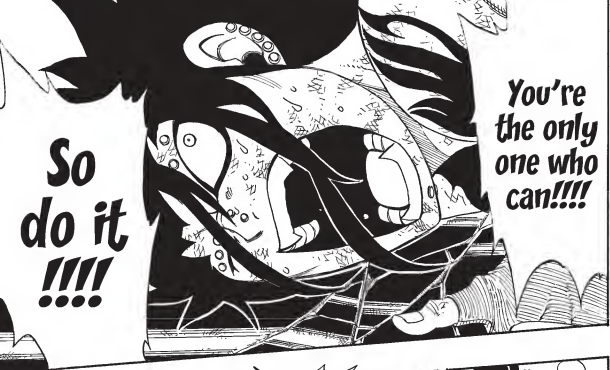
**I'm
standing
right here
!!!!**





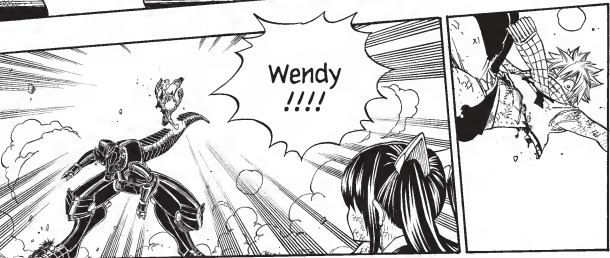






**So
do it
!!!!**

**You're
the only
one who
can!!!!**



**Wendy
!!!!**



**Stand
up!!!!**

What?

**Roar at
me!!!!**

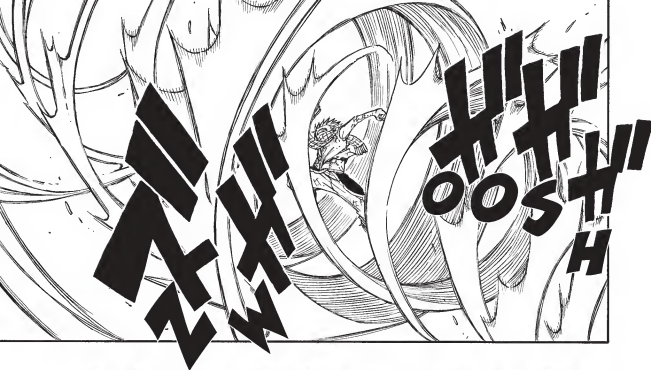


*I believe
in Natsu-
san!!!!*



*Sky Dragon's Roar





Little punk...
He's using
the kid's
breath as a
whirlwind...





**Waaa-
aahhh
!!**

**KARYŪ
NO*...**

**Uwoo-
ohhhh
!!**

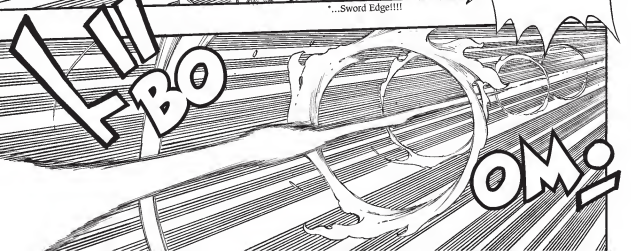
*Fire Dragon's...

...some
kind of
dream...?

Is this...



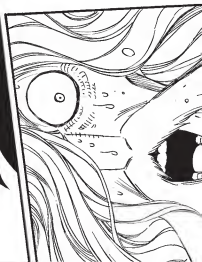
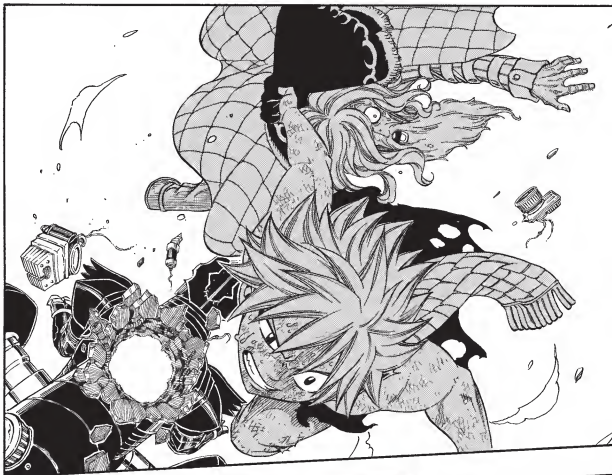
*...Sword Edge!!!!





KAKOOM

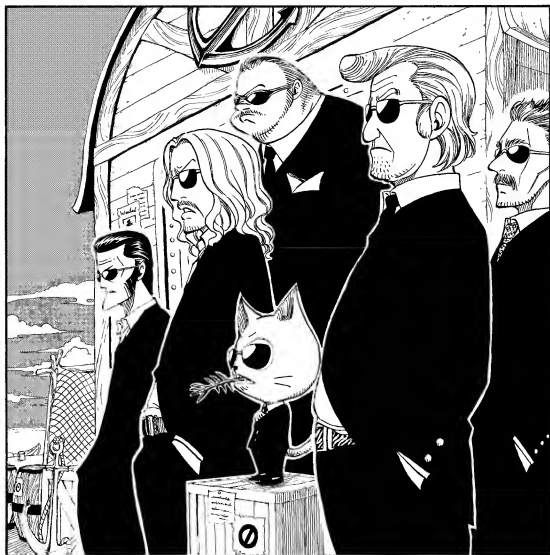
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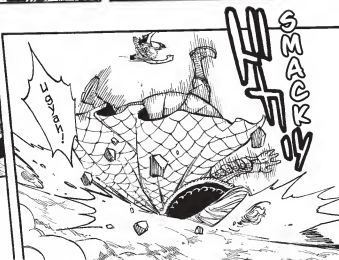
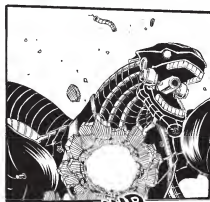
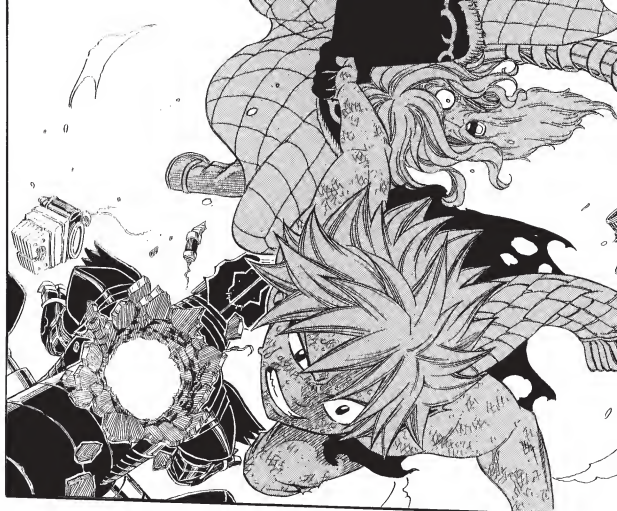


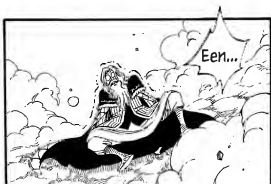
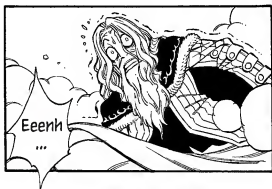
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フェアリーテイル

Chapter 195: King of a New World

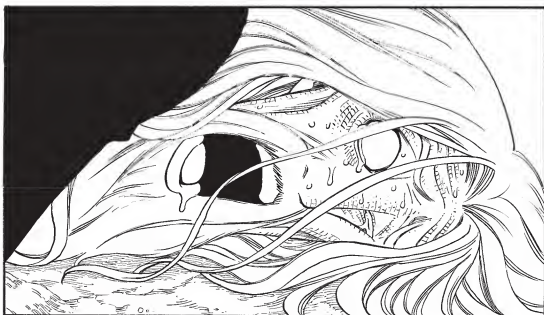
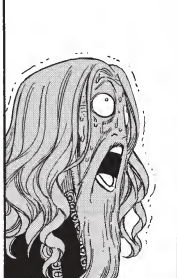




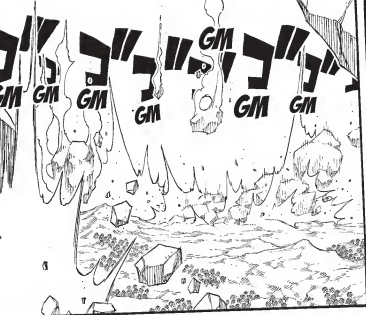




H-help
...







Waaahh
!!



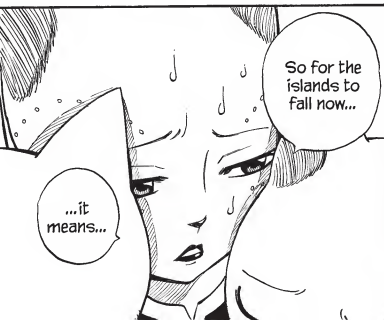
Eeee!!!
The sky's
falling!!!



Hey! Hey,
what is
this?!!



Wh-What's
going on...



...it
means...

So for the
islands to
fall now...

The floating
islands of
Edolas float
because of the
land's magic.

ズググググ
ZUGUM GM GM GM GM





...that
magic is
vanishing
from this
world.

GWOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

GYAN

GYAN

GYAN

GYAN

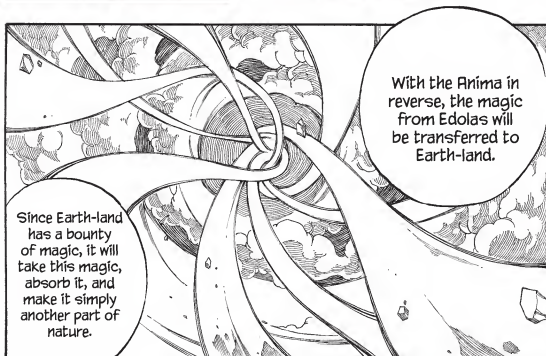
GYAN

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

CRACKLE





Whoa!!
What'll we
do?!!

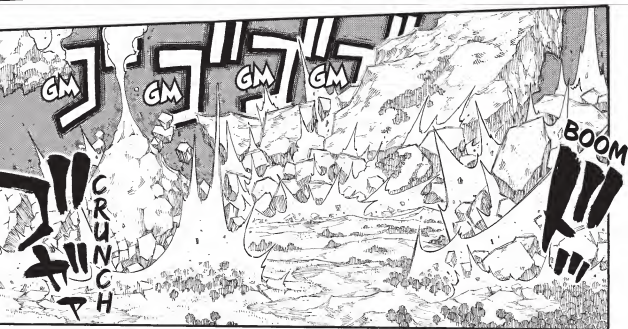
Me
too!

Hey...!! I
can't use
my weapon
anymore!

My
weapon's
broken!!

What's
going
on?!

What's
happen-
ing?

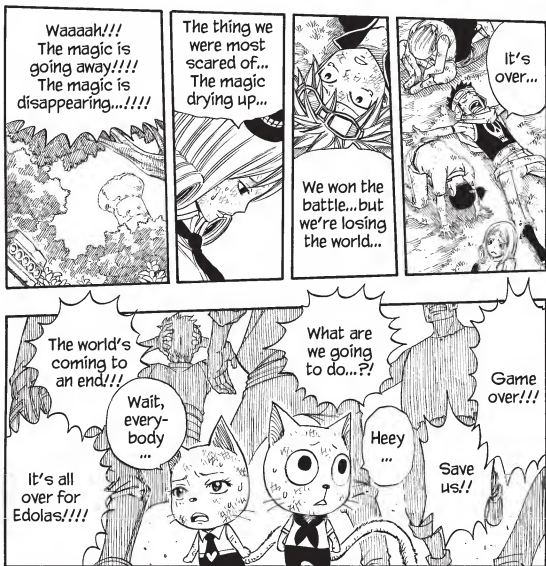




What's
going to
happen to
our wizards'
guild?!

What do you
mean, okay?!
The magic is
going out of the
world!!!! All
of it!!!!

Everybody!!
Calm down!
It's going to
be okay!!!



Waaaah!!!
The magic is
going away!!!!
The magic is
disappearing...!!!!

The thing we
were most
scared of...
The magic
drying up...

We won the
battle...but
we're losing
the world...

It's
over...

The world's
coming to
an end!!!

Wait,
every-
body
...

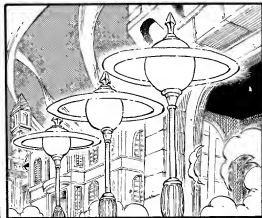
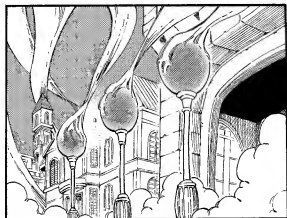
It's all
over for
Edolas!!!!

What are
we going
to do...?!

Heey
...

Game
over!!!

Save
us!!



It's true...
that we
won't be
fighting any
wars for a
while...



I-I can't
believe
you'd really
do it...

There aren't
many who
can adapt
quickly to
a changing
world.

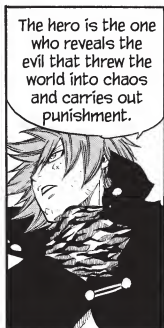
The people
of Edolas
are in
chaos.

I
know. But...

A new king
who will calm
the fears and
anxieties of
the people and
lead them to
happiness.

That is why
they need a
new ruler...

**A new
king for
a new
world!!!**



While the hero
is one who can
resolve the
people's mistakes
and prejudices
and lead them
towards peace.
You.



The villain is the
one who raised the
standard of revolt
against the king
and stole the magic
from the world...

**You must
punish
me for
destroying
the world**
...

**...and
take your
place as
King.**



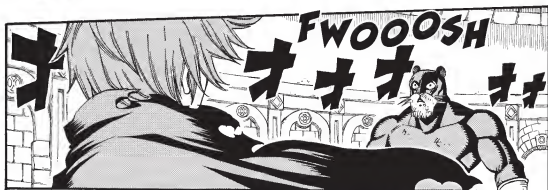
煉獄

FAIRY TAIL

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Chapter 196: Demon God Dragneel





*... and
become king
of this new
world... A
world without
magic.*

*Show the
people the
way out
of this
panic...*



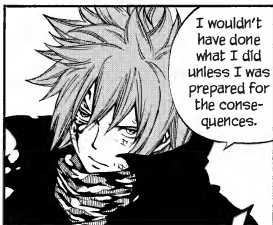
**Prince
!!!!**

**Do you
seriously
believe that
drivel?!**



I refuse.
It's utter
idiocy!!!
Why should
I punish
you?!

There's
no way I
could!!!



I wouldn't
have done
what I did
unless I was
prepared for
the conse-
quences.



What makes
you think you
know me at
all?!

You can
do it!

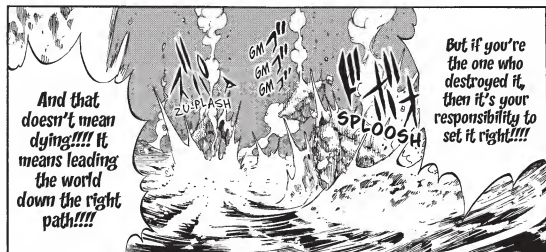
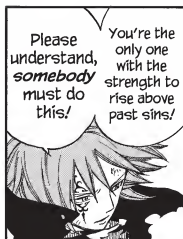


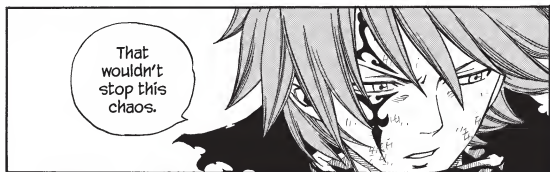
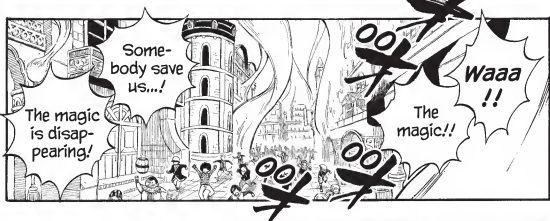
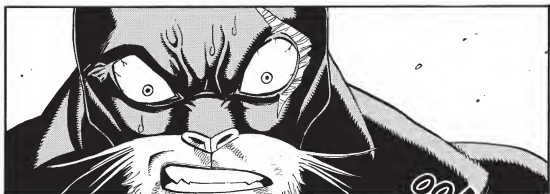
So I'm going to
have to pick up
the cross and
bear it? Is that
what you're
saying?!

You are
an Exceed,
and you
still saved
me as a
child.

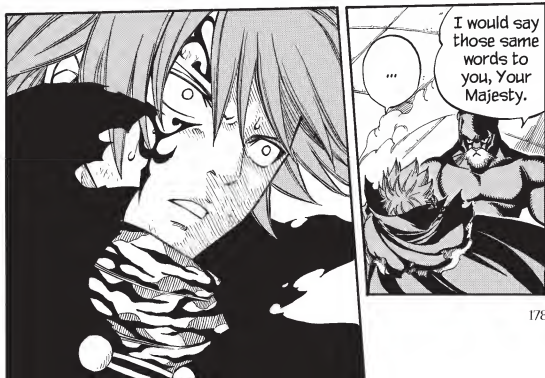


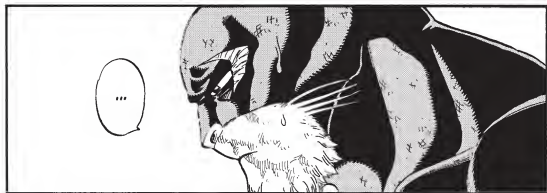
You recognize
life's inherent
nobility without
being swayed
by race.











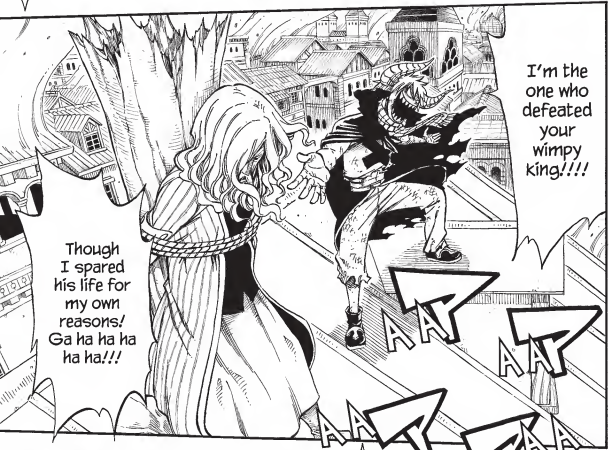


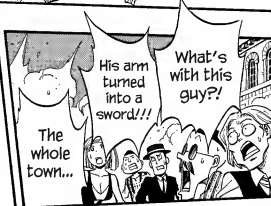
HA HA HA HA HA

**My
name
is the
Demon
God
Dragneel
!!!!**

**I will
claim all
of the
magic
in this
world
!!!!**









My minions!

Destroy more! More, I tell you!



What are you people doing?!

Stop it!!



They're the ones who stole the magic from Edolas!

It's them...

Demon King Dragneel !!



They can't be...



Just do it, underling!!

Quit callin' me minion, ya creep!!!

That ain't any better!!



Anybody who defies me is gonna...

Wh-What is that?!

Fire... from his mouth...

H-He's a monster!!

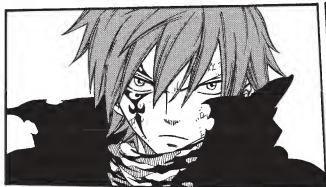


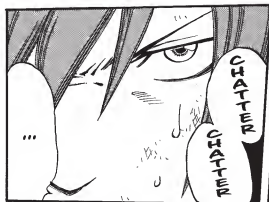
No way.



Give us back our magic!!!

You won't get away with it!!!







Nadi-
sama!

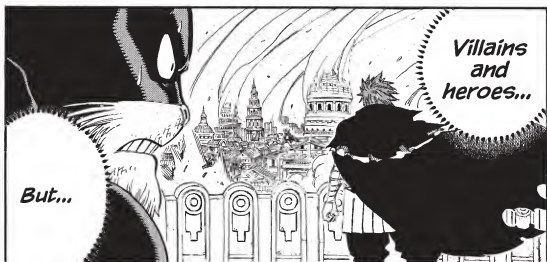
I heard you
two talking
and told
them about
it.

B-Because
I told
them!



**Come
and get
me!**

**'Cause if
you don't,
I'm going
to level this
town until
there's
nothing
left!**





I'm the
Demon
God
Dragneel!

I'm not
Natsu!



Natsu!!
Don't
move
from that
spot!!!

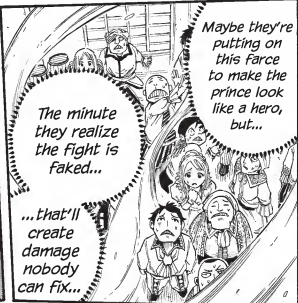
WHOOSH



Y-You
had better
prepare
yourself
for it too.



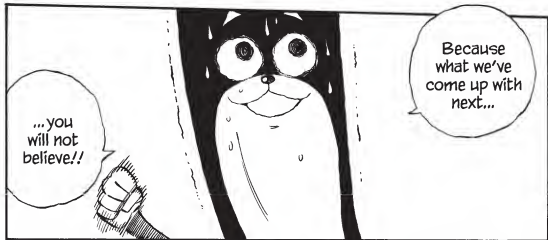
Nobody's
going to
commit
suicide here,
are they...?



The minute
they realize
the fight is
faked...

...that'll
create
damage
nobody
can fix...

Maybe they're
putting on
this farce
to make the
prince look
like a hero,
but...



...you
will not
believe!!

Because
what we've
come up with
next...

TO BE CONTINUED



EXTRA

Queen Chagot



The queen of Extalia, the country of the Exceed. She can see future events.

Mejeer



One of the Four Elders of Extalia. He's worried about his aging eyes, but it's his policy to never wear glasses.

Martam



One of the Four Elders of Extalia. He's taken care of Chagot ever since she was a baby.

Nichiya



Commander of the Imperial Guard of Extalia. A warrior who loves beautiful scents (perfumes). He leads the hundred-cat-plus Royal Guard.

Mysdroy



One of the Four Elders of Extalia. He was present when Chagot hatched from her egg, and one of her wings was gone.

Nadi



The Kingdom of Extalia's Minister of State. He's the one charged with helping to run the Kingdom. For some reason, he's always shaking his arm.

Muganto



One of the Four Elders of Extalia. He's the only one who knows that the queen's egg was extremely weak, so the queen gave one of her wings to the egg.

Panther Lily



Commander of the First Magical Warfare Division. Due to his breaking an old Exceed tradition, he was banished from his mother country. A very loyal warrior.

Lucky



Happy's father, but that's a secret. His favorite things are fish and apples. He's fallen into the habit of saying, "Aye," and, "Kaaah!"

Clap



A young male who loves to fly. His special ability is to be able to sleep while using Aera. He's only ever fallen to the ground once.

Marl



Happy's mother, but that's a secret. A wife who is always smiling and kind. Taught the "shape of a heart" to Carla.

Salvare



He's spent so much time in southern Edolas that he now has a thick southern accent. He's a skilled hunter.

Belletokia



A girl who loves pineapples. She wants to grow up to be a scholar. She considers her striped tail to be one of her most charming features.

Kurubushi



A young Exceed who wants to be a comedian. He often goes down to the ground to gather ideas for his comedy act. For some reason, he always seems to meet up with huge caterpillars.

Monmo



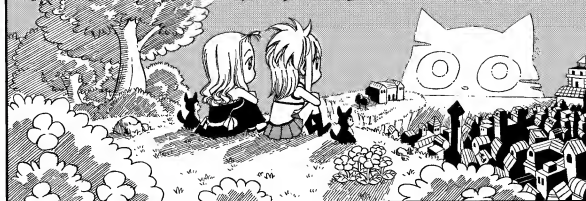
The leader of the children's detective squad. His hobby is collecting unique sticks. He's weak but fast.

Go-Go-Tiger



A slow-moving delivery cat. Kurubushi is always talking to him, but he never listens. He loves tomatoes and cucumbers.

EMERGENCY REQUEST! EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIES OF FAIRY TAIL!



On Magnolia Hill...

Lucy: Mira-san, the setting sun is pretty, huh?

Mira: What's wrong? Why are you so sentimental all of a sudden?

Lucy: It's nothing, really. You know... We just got this question.

Why don't Lucy's Sex-Appeal Missions ever work?



: Oh, dear.



: You mean it's never worked even once...?

Mira: Hm...
Seduce Count Everlue → Fail
Get Into Weekly Sorcerer → Fail
Miss Fairy Tail Contest → Fail
Last Volume Against Hughes → Fail



: You're right. Not once!!!

Mira: But remember that this reader

asked why it failed. In other words, he's saying, "It would have worked on me," right?



: Your sympathy is almost as bad as the question, so let's move on to the next one.

Doesn't anybody in the guild have parents?



Mira: What a good question!

Lucy: It doesn't really come up in the story a lot, huh?

Mira: This is foreshadowing to something in the backstory, so I really can't say much about it...

Lucy: Are you sure you're even supposed to say that much?



: Then I'll just say what I can... First Elfman and I lost our mother when we were little, and that was the impetus that made us enter the guild.

Continued from the left-hand page.

Lucy: And as you read in previous volumes, my father is now in the Akarifa Trade Guild.

Mira: Natsu, Gray, Erza, Gajeel and Wendy have no parents, right?

Lucy: Levy-chan and Juvia both said they don't have any parents.

Mira: So there are unexpectedly a lot of BEEEEP in the BEEEEP



: Mira-san!! Somebody just bleaped out your words!



: Oh, dear.

Lucy: Not only that, but I hear that you don't even know about this backstory thing, Mira-san!

Mira: Is that so? Then I guess we'll just have to leave it at that.



: But looking at it like this, there sure are a lot of people without parents, huh...?



: But the guild is like our family, right?

Lucy: (I guess I should be happy that one of my parents is still alive.)

So where exactly do Natsu and Happy live?



Lucy: I'm very curious about that too!!

Mira: They have a place of their own on the outskirts of Magnolia.

Lucy: What kind of place is it?

Mira: A very normal place. It will show up in Volume 24, so enjoy the anticipation! ♥



: Heh heh heh! Once I know where it is, I'm going to sneak in!!

Mira: Sneak in? Whatever for?

Lucy: To show them what it feels like when they do it to me!! I'm going to make him scream.
"This is my room!!"

Mira: A woman of pure ambitions.

Lucy: Huh? It's to surprise them!! Every time I go home, somebody is always there! That's gotta end!



: Then I'll help you out!



: Really? Mira-san!

Mira: Sure! It'll be really fun! ♥ Natsu and Happy will come back from a job, and Lucy will be there waiting saying, "Welcome-home-honey!" ♥

Lucy: ...

Mira: Then Lucy will say, "Do you want dinner first, or a bath first, or maybe, ME first?" ♥

Lucy: Maybe we should just watch the sunset in silence, Mira-san.

Mira: Maybe you're right.

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♪ Wish, I guess they would get caught...



Tokyo: Kaminari

♪ Giant's time is coming really soon! No time to look back now!



Hyogo Prefecture: Hikaru Matsunaga

♪ Thanks for the novel! I'm doing my best!



Guma Prefecture: Y-san

♪ Trained! I'm going to be here at work every day and every day!



Nagasaki Prefecture: Haruhi

♪ A dream (?) collaboration. They both have wonderful voices!



Yamaguchi Prefecture: Asuka

♪ Fairy Natsu. I think it's cool how he's becoming one with the flames.



Hokkaido: Hikaru Matsunaga

♪ So, will there be a new change in the next volume or not...?



Tokyo: Ayaka Saito

♪ I really like the strong old guy type! Art I like, so I want to be more serious about it.



Kagawa Prefecture: Saki Nakamichi

♪ A really mature-looking Erza asleep... What a great picture!



Aichi Prefecture: Yuzuhime

♪ It's Natsu-kun-sai! Hey, wait! This drawing's good!!!



Osaka: Kataru Koga

♪ Use a short white stick! I met the first person two ever said "I love Sugar Boy!"



Chiba Prefecture: Yuka Horii

♪ Natsu is a cute place... A very rare picture.



Osaka Prefecture: Yuka Horii

♪ The person came right out and said "I don't like Natsu" on the back of the postcard!

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♪ They can say whatever they like, but they really do get along pretty well.

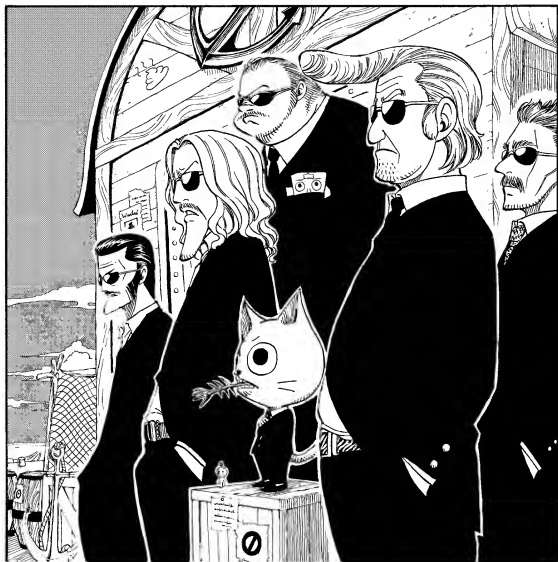


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♪ It's Aizel! Everbody's drawn! And it's very well!

Spot the Differences!

This image is just like the title page for Chapter 195 on page 151! But if you look very closely, you may spot differences... There are ten differences!! Can you find all of them?



Afterword

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This time, I present the France Trip Diary!! I thought I'd be completely buried in work before the trip, but actually I found some free time here and there. Actually this was my second time going to France, but last time, due to tight scheduling, I wasn't able to go to the palace of Versailles. So this time I was determined!! That's where Marie Antoinette was and all that stuff, right? Well, it was just amazing! I was moved!! Also, French cooking is delicious! The cheese fondue they have there was especially dangerous!! I couldn't stop!! And as a result, I gained a few kilos on the trip.

Now, thanks to the wonderful people who showed up for the signing, and the fantastic efforts of the staff, it turned out to be a huge success. I drew and signed for some 600-700 people over the course of three days. This country of France is so far away from Japan, so I was very thankful that so many fans would come to see me! And I was incredibly happy to meet my French fans. I couldn't say much aside from the simplest conversation (greetings), but it was really fun! I especially want to thank the members of the staff who exhausted themselves in their efforts to make it a good signing!! I want to go back again someday soon.

Come to think of it, I wrote last time that I'd like a signing in Japan too... Well, like a drumbeat, events just kept moving along, and I had a signing the other day in Akiba. So I want to say to all of the people who came and to the staff here in Japan too, thank you so much!!! And I'll be doing another signing as soon as I get the chance!!

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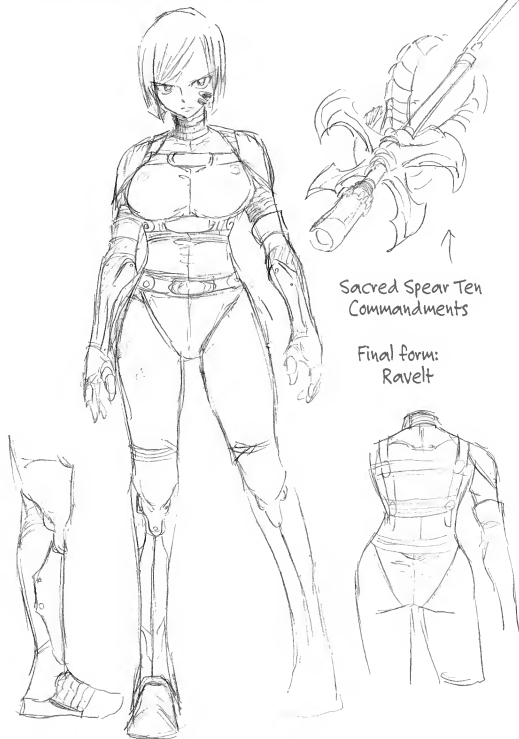
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Erza Nightwalker Ver. 2



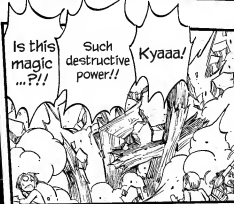
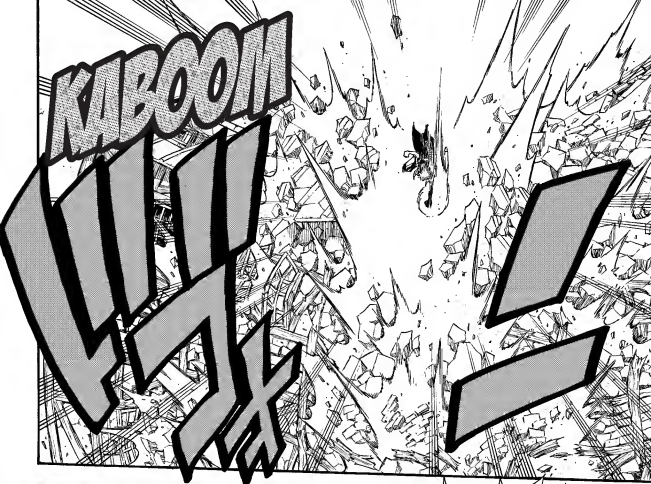
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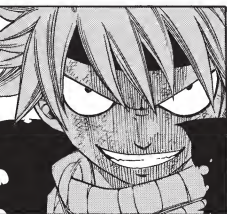
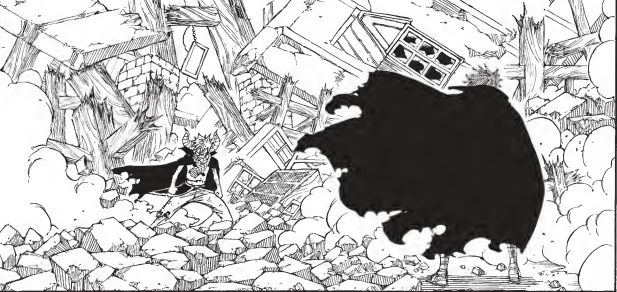
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...was sucked into the anima...





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